



31st EAST REGION SOLICITORS CONFERENCE 2025
FAIRMONT TREMBLANT
FRIDAY, MAY 9 – SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

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9:00 - 9:10	Welcome / Bienvenue Alaina Spec, <i>Conference Co-Chair</i> Robin Brown, <i>CCLA Vice-President</i>
9:10 - 10:05	QUICK TIPS & CASE COMMENTS
MODERATOR:	ALAINA SPEC
9:10 – 9:30	Real Estate Real Estate Quick Tips Lynn Le Mesurier, <i>Vice & Hunter LLP</i>
	Adverse Possession Andrew Lenz, <i>Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall LLP</i>
9:30 – 9:40	Corporate/Commercial
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individual with Significant Control Analysis Daniel Stern, <i>Kelly Santini LLP</i>Kanata Golf Course (City of Ottawa and ClubLink) Russell Gibson, <i>Gibson Piazza Anders LLP</i>
9:40 - 9:55	Estates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Joining Assets: Is it still that simple? Douglas Buchmayer, <i>Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP</i>Will Drafting in French Katrina Anders, <i>Gibson Piazza Anders LLP</i>Estate Related Matters that are Different between Ontario and Quebec Joseph Gorman, <i>PME INTER Notaires</i>

9:55 -10:05	uOttawa Best Factum Winners Nase (Jessica) Lim, <i>Student uOttawa</i> Suzy Kwak, <i>Student, uOttawa</i>
10:05 – 10:50	REAL ESTATE & PRACTICE – PART 1
MODERATOR:	MERREDITH MACLENNAN
10:05 -10:20	Ownership Options Related to Joint Tenancy Leanne Storms, <i>Storms Law LLP</i>
10:20 – 10:35	Status Certificate Review & Refreshers on Files Audrey Loeb, <i>Shibley Righton LLP</i>
10:35 – 10:50	Mediation / Arbitration of Real Estate Matters Sid Troister, <i>Torkin Manes LLP</i>
10:50 – 11:10	EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE BREAK
11:10 – 12:55	EMPLOYMENT & PRACTICE
MODERATOR:	PAUL WILLETT
11:10 – 11:25	Considerations for Using Arbitration Provisions in Employment Agreements Amy Derickx, <i>Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP</i>
11:25 – 11:40	Advising Employer Clients on How Best to Address Requests for Childcare Accommodation Erica Bennett, <i>Emond Harnden LLP</i>
11:40– 11:55	Updates on Work-from-Home Issues Daria Strachan, <i>Shields Hunt Duff Strachan</i>
11:55 – 12:10	Changes to the Employment Standards Act Andrew Vey, <i>Vey Willetts LLP</i>
12:10 – 12:25	Lawyers, Mental Health Challenges and Solutions Doron Gold, <i>The Lawyer Therapist</i>
12:25 – 12:55	ILA / ILR: What are Solicitors Getting Disciplined For? Matthew Wilson, <i>Siskinds Law</i>
12:55 - 2:05	LUNCH

2:05 – 3:05	ESTATES & PRACTICE – PART 1
MODERATOR:	KATHLEEN ROBICHAUD
2:05 – 2:20	The Aging Client and Dealing with Capacity Paula Lester, <i>Solus Trust Company</i>
2:20 – 2:35	The Interplay Between Banks and Power of Attorney Documents Nicole Ewing, <i>TD Bank</i>
2:50 - 3:20	Allyship in Action Roberto Aburto, <i>Dentons Canada LLP</i> Julia Dales, <i>Dentons Canada LLP</i>
3:20 – 3:30	Case Comment on Foreign Divorce and Intestate Success <i>Sonia v. Ratan, 2024 ONCA 152</i> Ariel Fried, <i>Mann Lawyers LLP</i>
3:30 – 3:50	EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE BREAK
3:50 – 5:45	CORPORATE/COMMERCIAL & PRACTICE - PART 1
MODERATOR:	BRIAN KELLS
3:50 – 4:05	Construction Holdback: Why Do I Hate you? Dan Leduc, <i>Soloway Wright LLP</i>
4:05 – 4:20	Not-for-Profit Governance Julie Mouris, <i>Conway LLP</i>
4:20 – 4:35	Current Hot Topics Update: GAAR & Canadian Tax Chad Saikaley, <i>GGFL</i>
4:35 – 4:50	Oppression Remedy & Fights that Stem from It Kaitlin Brennan, <i>Tierney Stauffer LLP</i>
4:50 – 5:10	Early-Stage Succession and Incapacity Planning for Your Client's Small Business Charlotte McCurdy, <i>Tierney Stauffer LLP</i>
5:10 – 5:45	Transforming Legal Landscapes: The Impact of AI Technology on Solicitors Colin LaChance, <i>PGYA Consulting</i>

6:00 – 7:30 **Hospitality Suite in Joseph Room (Upstairs from Conference Room)**

7:30 – 9:30 **Dinner in Mali Room**
Presentation of the 2025 Abe Feinstein Solicitor's Award

9:30 – 1:30 **Hospitality Suite in Joseph Room (Upstairs from Conference Room)**

Music & Dancing with The Relliks

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

9:00 – 10:00 CORPORATE/COMMERCIAL & PRACTICE – PART 2

MODERATOR: **RACHAEL BELANGER**

9:00- 9:10 **Consumer Protection Act Changes**
Blake Bochinski, *Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall LLP*

9:10- 9:20 **Bankruptcy and Insolvency: Recent SCC Cases**
Joël Turgeon, *Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall LLP*

9:20 – 9:30 **Employee Ownership Trusts**
Paul Taylor, *Borden Ladner Gervais LLP*

9:30 – 9:40 **Environmental Remedies Update: What Does a Successful Claim Get an Aggrieved Party?**
Anand Srivastava, *Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP*

9:40 – 10:10 **Cybersecurity: Big Brother is Watching You**
Andrew Ferguson, *MBC Law Professional Corp*

10:10 – 11:10 ESTATES & PRACTICE - PART 2

MODERATOR: **KATRINA ANDERS**

10:10- 11:10 **Multi-generational Family Ownership**
Doug Buchmayer, *Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP*
Ian Hull, *Hull and Hull LLP*

11:10 – 11:30 EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE BREAK

11:30 – 12:30 REAL ESTATE & PRACTICE – PART 2

MODERATOR: **HARLAND TANNER**

11:30- 11:45 **Ontario Land Transfer Tax and Non-Resident Speculation Tax issues with land held through trust or partnership structures**
Braek Urquhart, *Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP*

11:45 – 12:00 Power of Sale Refresher
Mitchell Leitman, *Rasmussen Starr Ruddy LLP*

12:00 – 12:15 Notice of Security of Interest (NOSI)
Ray Leclair, *LawPRO*

12:15 -12:30 **Zombie Mortgages; How to Register a Headshot**
Michael Wade, *Soloway Wright LLP*

12:30 – 12:45 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**
Harland Tanner, *Conference Co-Chair*

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