

23rd Annual *Charter* Conference

Constitutional, Civil Liberties and Human Rights Law



In Person



Webcast

Date: Wednesday October 2, 2024 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Agenda: 8:30 am Registration
9:00 am Program Begins
12:30 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Award Presentation
1:30 Program Resumes
3:00 pm Program Ends

Co-Chairs: **Nicole Biros-Bolton**, Bird Bolt Law
Elena Mamay, Mann Lawyers LLP



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Substantive Content
This program is eligible for **45 minutes** of
Professionalism Content

Back for its 23rd year, the Annual *Charter* Conference brings together leading constitutional scholars and practitioners along with esteemed members of the judiciary for an in-depth review of the latest developments in *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* law and practice. Hear from our expert faculty as they address recent Supreme Court of Canada jurisprudence, upcoming cases, and developing trends. If you deal with *Charter* issues in your practice, you don't want to miss this essential event.

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

these issues. Get the insights and advice you need to do so with this helpful panel. How

9:05 am **What's New in Charter Litigation?**

Cheryl Milne, Executive Director, David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights, University of Toronto

- Critical case law and legislative updates you need to know

2:15 pm **Insights from expert Charter Litigators**

Paul Champ, Champ & Associates LLP

Mannu Chowdhury, Paliare Roland LLP

Lex Gill, Trudel Johnston & Lespérance

Louis Sokolov, Sotos LLP

- Strategies for launching Charter challenges
- How to build your record
- How your choice of level of court will impact your case
- Outcomes: Monetary damages vs changing laws

9:35am **Free Speech and Protest Rights**

Jamie Cameron, Osgoode Hall Law School

David Schneiderman, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

Jennifer Taylor, Stewart McKelvey

- Impact of Charter rights on campus protests
- Distinguishing free speech from hate speech
- Implications of the Jama decision: what are the legal limits to freedom of speech in Parliament?

2:55 pm Concluding Remarks

10:15am Health Break

3:00 pm Program Concludes

10:30am **Key Updates on Privacy Rights**

Keri Bennett, DLA Piper

Kiran Kang, Goldblatt Partners LLP

- What the SCC's decision in *York Region District School Board v. Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario* means for government employees' right to privacy at work
- Are IP addresses protected by privacy rights?

11:15am **Impacts of the Federal Court's Emergencies Act Decision**

Abby Deshman, St. Lawrence Barristers PC

Ewa Krajewska, Henein Hutchison Robitaille LLP

- What are the limitations on government emergency powers?
- How can Charter rights be balanced with government responsibilities and authority in times of crisis?

12:00 pm Lunch and Award Presentation

1:30 pm **How to Navigate Hot Button Issues**

Pam Hrick, LEAF

Bennett Jensen, Egale Canada

Shakir Rahim, Canadian Civil Liberties Association

Charter issues can be polarizing and controversial. For lawyers practicing in this space, it is essential that you have the tools to engage in and facilitate challenging conversations around

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