

23rd Annual *Charter* Conference

Constitutional, Civil Liberties and Human Rights Law



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
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This program is eligible for up to **3hr 45m** of **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

2:55 pm

Concluding Remarks
- 9:05 am

What’s New in Charter Litigation?

- Critical case law and legislative updates you need to know

3:00 pm

Program Concludes
- 9:35am

Free Speech and Protest Rights

- 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?
- 10:15am

Health Break
- 10:30am

Key Updates on Privacy Rights

- 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

- 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

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 these issues. Get the insights and advice you need to do so with this helpful panel. How
- 2:15 pm

Insights from expert Charter Litigators

- 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

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