

OBA | Professional Development

Persuasive Legal Writing

Civil Litigation

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 | 9:00 am to 12:15 pm

Location: Webinar Only

Agenda:

9:00 am Program Commences 12:15 pm Program Concludes



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Writing strategically is as important as oral advocacy. It is part of the foundation of solving and winning legal disputes, and a technique that is used daily. All lawyers, new and seasoned, need to be continuously sharpening their drafting skills. Time is always of the essence in the legal world and the better skilled you are at writing legal documents, the quicker this task will be, making you a more effective and efficient lawyer. Our stellar faculty will help you hone your writing skills and move beyond boilerplate precedents. Gain insight on what the Court expects, what works and what doesn't, and get expert guidance on how to write and win in a practical, strategic, and focused way. Join us for this essential program to help you build your litigation tool kit.

Program Chairs: David Milosevic, Milosevic & Associates

Ted Brook, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Point of View from the Bench

The Honourable Justice Jamie Trimble, Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Central West)

The Honourable Justice Spencer Nicholson, Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Southwest Region)

- Identify and write for your audience
- Think about your writing from the Judge's perspective
- 9:45 am Writing Tips and Strategies: Overviews & Conclusions

Megan Keenberg, Keenberg & Company Professional Corporation

How to draft an effective overview

- The importance of being clear and concise
- Creating a roadmap and theory that weaves throughout
- 10:15 am Writing Tips and Strategies: Persuasive Fact Writing

Thomas Slade, Supreme Advocacy LLP

 Determining the facts that matter and how they should be presented

- How to present the facts in a persuasive and fair manner
- Mastering logic and structure

10:55 am Health Break

11:05 am Writing Tips and Strategies: Persuasive Argument
Writing

Helen Richards, Ross Nasseri LLP

Brittiny Rabinovitch, Babin Bessner Spry LLP
Determining the best approach for persuasively presenting your arguments

How to use the facts and law, and structure your argument section

11:45 am Drafting Compelling Pleadings

Jeremy Devereux, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP

- How the purpose of pleadings impacts writing
- The most effective writing strategies for your case

12:15 pm Concluding Remarks