

Expert Advice on Launching Your Legal Career: I Have My Law Degree, Now What? (London)

Young Lawyers Division



Date: August 30, 2016 | 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Location: The London Club
177 Queens Avenue, London

Program Chairs: **Laura L. Emmett**, Leners LLP
Erika S. Webb, Intact Insurance Company

Back by popular demand, this must-attend event has been designed to meet the current needs of new Articling and LPP students. You will gain strategies on conducting legal research efficiently and writing a persuasive research memo and practical tips on how to negotiate in transactional work and succeed in motions court.

Master the skills that you did not learn in law school, including networking skills, tips to help you thrive in your practice by understanding the office culture, best practices for docketing and billing, and maximizing your time at the firm.

Our diverse speaker lineup will give you a broad range of perspectives on life after articling, including opening your practice, and alternative careers. Register now to take advantage of this opportunity to ask the questions that you have been hesitant to ask before – come prepared to have your questions answered with candour!

12:30 pm Registration and Coffee

1:00 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:05 pm **Strategies for Maximizing Your Time**

Mana Khami, Harrison Pensa LLP

Andrew Hentz, Miller Thomson LLP

Alysia Christiaen, Leners LLP

- Approaches on how to structure your work day
- How to incorporate work/life balance from day-one
- Keys to efficient file management
- How to delegate effectively
- Maximizing your firm and network resources

1:40 pm **Firm Culture, Colleagues, and Mentorship**

Joseph Masterson, Leners LLP

Geoff Snow, Snow Criminal Defence

Jennifer Chapman, Brown Beattie O'Donovan LLP

- Qualities to show and perceptions to avoid
- Appropriate/inappropriate use of technology
- Learning the culture of your firm
- Working with lawyers, clerks, assistants, students, and other people in your office
- Interacting with and taking instructions from associates and partners
- Benefits of seeking mentors

2:10 pm **Networking Outside of the Office**

Paula Puddy, Vantage Professional Development Inc.

- Benefits of networking
- How to network effectively
- Resources to help you brand and market yourself

2:40 pm Networking Break

3:00 pm **Professional and Practice Management**

Keri Gammon, Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LAWPRO®)

- Who we are
- Obligations under the policy
- Claim trends
- Tips for avoiding claims, including communicating with the client, time management, calendar maintenance, civility, and fee disputes

3:30 pm **Motions Court**

Maciek Piekosz, Siskinds LLP

Cole Vegso, Siskinds LLP

- When, where and how
- Current practices
- Ex-parte motions
- Regular motions
- Civility in the court room
- Referring to judges and masters inside and outside the court room

4:00 pm **Legal Research and Writing**

Jennifer Butkus, Harrison Pensa LLP

- Minimizing time and maximizing results – tips for efficient research
- Writing an effective research memo
- Special resources including Hansard, legal dictionaries, form precedents and contractual clauses
- Tips for writing effective pleadings, motion materials, persuasive emails and due diligence memos
- Common pitfalls
- Helpful resources

4:30 pm **Life After Articling: I'm A Lawyer, Now What – Panel Discussion**

Marcia Oliver, Advocates LLP

Stephen Taran, Taran Virtual Associates

- What if I want to make a career change?
- Opening your own practice
- Working in-house
- Alternative careers

5:00 pm **Networking Reception**

6:00 pm **Program Concludes**

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