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## Oral Advocacy Boot Camp (YLD)

*Young Lawyers Division*

**Date:** Monday, November 28, 2016 | 12:00 to 5:00 pm

**Location:** Twenty Toronto Street Conferences and Events  
20 Toronto Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Toronto

**Program Chair:** **Adam Keeping**, Jordan Battista LLP  
**Jacob Kaufman**, de VRIES LITIGATION LLP



This program contains 0.5 Professionalism Hours  
This program is eligible for up to 4.5 Substantive Hours

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### Become an outstanding oralist and a more effective legal advocate

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity to get “on your feet” in a relaxed, non-evaluative environment. Leading members of the Judiciary and Bar will work with you to tune and hone your practical oral advocacy skills in a small group format, where you can make mistakes without consequence!

You will walk away from this session with:

- The ability to articulate your ideas aloud, confidently and clearly
- Practical guidelines on oral advocacy, including body language and voice control
- Hands-on oral advocacy experience
- Essential advice from experienced litigators
- Videotaped presentations for self-viewing and critique

Register now to build the practical skills you need to succeed in the courtroom!

11:30 am Registration and Light Lunch

12:00 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

12:10 pm **Tips on what to avoid in an oral argument: bad lawyering 101**

**Master Joan Haberman**, Superior Court of Justice

- How to get under the court’s skin
- How to confuse your audience
- How not to be heard

12:30pm **How to win an oral argument: good lawyering 101**

**Michael S.F. Watson**, Partner, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP

- Developing body language and voice awareness
- Capturing the Court’s attention
- Persuasion through body language, timing, tone and volume
- Listen, interpret, and respond to the Court

12:50pm **Spin your story; knit your narrative**

**Julie K. Hannaford**, J K Hannaford Barristers

- Frame your arguments, tell your story
- Outline, organize and develop
- Stay on track and handle mistakes

1:10pm Networking Break

1:30pm **Oral Hearings**

**The Honourable John Macdonald QC**, Superior Court of Justice (Retired)

**Justice Frederick L. Myers**, Superior Court of Justice

**Master Joan Haberman**, Superior Court of Justice

**Barbara L. Grossman**, Dentons Canada LLP

**Julie K. Hannaford**, J K Hannaford Barristers

**Clare E. Burns**, WeirFoulds LLP

**Michael S.F. Watson**, Partner, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP

Participants will break up into small groups. Faculty will review a brief fact scenario and discuss how to approach the argument. You will learn more about:

- Organizing issues and focusing the presentation
- What a successful outline looks like
- Tips for delivering compelling advocacy
- Preparing for the end: how should you conclude?

Each participant will present their oral argument to a maximum of 10 minutes each. Faculty may ask questions during your argument to simulate the courtroom experience.

Following arguments, faculty will give you individual feedback. Arguments will be video-recorded and faculty will be able to re-play parts of them to assist in their feedback. You will receive your recording after the CLE to apply all you have learned to become a better advocate!

4:00 pm **War Stories: Remember the time...!**

**Barbara L. Grossman**, Dentons Canada LLP

**Peter Brauti**, Brauti Thorning Zibarras LLP

Hear instructive war stories relating to oral advocacy.

Leading litigators will recount the good, the bad and the ugly.

5:00 pm Program Concludes

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