

Writing Persuasive Legal Documents

Civil Litigation



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Twenty Toronto Street Conferences and Events
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Agenda:

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| 8:30 am | Registration & Coffee |
| 9:00 am | Welcome & Opening Remarks |
| 11:45 am | Question & Answer Session |
| 12:00 pm | Program Concludes |



This program contains 1.5 Professionalism Hours
This program is eligible for up to 1.5 Substantive Hours

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Program Chairs: **Chris Paliare**, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP
Shaun Laubman, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb LLP

Program Speakers: **The Honourable John I. Laskin**, Court of Appeal for Ontario
The Honourable Jennifer Woolcombe, Superior Court of Justice
The Honourable Sébastien Grammond, Federal Court of Canada
Caroline Mandell, Legal Writing Coach

Writing strategically is as important as oral advocacy. It is part of the foundation of solving and winning legal disputes. All lawyers, new and seasoned, should sharpen this skill since it is used daily, whether it be with letters to opposing counsel, research memorandums or factums. 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 teach you how to write in a tactical and winning way while moving beyond the reliance on boilerplate precedents. Learn 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 highly practical program and learn from the experts.

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Introduction: Lawyers are Professional Writers**

Caroline Mandell, Mandell Coaching

- Learn the habits of successful writers
- Identify and write for your audience

9:35 am **Writing Tips and Strategies: Overview Sections**

The Honourable John I. Laskin, Court of Appeal for Ontario

- Explore how to draft an effective overview
- Understand the importance of clarity, conciseness and providing a roadmap to an overview

10:20 am **Writing Tips and Strategies: Fact Section**

The Honourable Jennifer Woolcombe, Superior Court of Justice

- Determine the facts that matter and how they should be presented

- Delve into how to present the facts in a persuasive and fair manner

11:05 am Health & Networking Break

11:20 am **Writing Tips and Strategies: Law and Argument Section**

The Honourable Sébastien Grammond, Federal Court of Canada

- Canvass the best approach for persuasively presenting your arguments
- Examine how to use the facts and law and structure your argument section

12:05 pm **Editing Process**

Caroline Mandell, Mandell Coaching

- Gather valuable tips for editing your legal documents
- Analyze the difference between writing and editing

12:25 pm Closing Remarks

12:30 pm Program Concludes

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