

## 18th Annual Charter Conference

### Constitutional, Civil Liberties Human Rights Law



In-Person



Webcast

**Date:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Location:** OBA Conference Centre  
20 Toronto Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Toronto

**Co-Chairs:** **Yashoda Ranganathan**, Ministry of the Attorney General  
**Morgana Kellythorne**, College of Physicians & Surgeons



This program is eligible for up to 4.5 Substantive Hours

Join top constitutional practitioners and experts to update yourself on crucial developments in *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (*Charter*) jurisprudence and practice. Hear our faculty address recent Supreme Court of Canada decisions, upcoming cases, and developing trends in *Charter* law. Join the luncheon plenary to gather insight from seasoned practitioners who will share perspectives on effective *Charter* advocacy. If you deal with *Charter* issues in your practice, or want to deepen your knowledge of this continually developing area of law, attend this essential conference to stay current.

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **The Year in Review: Critical Updates on Significant Charter Litigation**  
**Yashoda Ranganathan**, Ministry of the Attorney General

- Get your need-to-know overview of key constitutional cases.

9:25am **Section 7 Round up: Administrative Segregation in Prisons, Immigration Detention and Access to Justice**  
**Kirk Baert**, Koskie Minsky LLP  
**Michael Dunn**, Ministry of the Attorney General  
**Raji Mangat**, West Coast LEAF  
**Swathi V. Sekhar**, Swathi Sekhar Law Office  
**Moderator: Morgana Kellythorne**, College of Physicians and Surgeons

- What limits does s. 7 of the *Charter* place on administrative segregation in prisons?
- Review of prison segregation and class action litigation
- Relationship between s. 7 and *habeus corpus: Canada v. Chhina*
- What might test case litigation *Single Mothers' Alliance v BC* suggest about the right to state-funded counsel?

12:35pm **Roundtable on the Art of Charter Litigation**

**Paul Cavalluzzo**, Cavalluzzo Shilton McIntyre Cornish LLP

**Robin Basu**, Ministry of the Attorney General

**Cheryl Milne**, University of Toronto

**Moderator: Emily Chan**, Justice for Children & Youth

- Is advocacy in *Charter* litigation cases different than in other cases?
- What makes a great *Charter* advocate?
- Hear about do's and don'ts in advocacy from master *Charter* litigators

1:45 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

2:00 pm Program Concludes

11:00 am **Networking Break**

11:15 am **The Charter and Elections**  
**Yael Bienenstock**, Torys LLP  
**Zachary Green**, Ministry of the Attorney General  
**Professor Michael Pal**, University of Ottawa  
**Moderator: Daniel Guttman**, Ministry of the Attorney General

- Election finance law, freedom of expression and "fake news"
- Is there a tension between s. 2(b) freedom of expression and fair electoral contests?
- What are justifiable limits on election spending?
- U.S. insights - Citizens United: Unlimited election spending and the creation of super PACs
- Recent developments in s. 3 (voting rights) jurisprudence

12:15 pm Lunch

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