Criminal Law Primer

Date: March 12, 2019

Original Program Chairs:

Brock B. Jones, Crown Attorney's Office (Scarborough) **Alexandra Mamo**, Lockyer Campbell Posner

Original program was held on November 15, 2018

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Program Chairs

Bail Hearings

Her Worship Justice of the Peace Karen Valentine, Ontario Court of Justice Jason Balgopal, Crown Attorney's Office (Scarborough)
Brian Eberdt, Lockyer Campbell Posner

- How should Crown counsel screen files at the bail stage?
- How can defence counsel best present a plan of release?
- What do justices find most persuasive in a contested hearing?

Crown and Judicial Pre-Trials

The Honourable Justice Philip A. Downes, Ontario Court of Justice Craig Coughlan, Crown Attorney's Office (Scarborough)
Jody Berkes, Berkes Newton-Smith

- What exactly is the role of the Crown?
- How can defence counsel best prepare for Crown pre-trials?
- What is expected of both counsel in a judicial pre-trial?

Sentencing

The Honourable Justice Robert Kelly, Ontario Court of Justice Andres Hannah-Suarez, Crown Attorney's Office (North York) Jody Berkes, Berkes Newton-Smith

- How should the Crown approach sentencing hearings?
- What information can defence counsel present to best advocate for their clients?



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What do judges really want to know to help them make informed decisions?

Break (15 Minutes)

Trial Advocacy

The Honourable Justice Heather F. Pringle, Ontario Court of Justice Kathryn Wells, Crown Attorney's Office (Etobicoke)
Saman Wickramasinghe, Ursel Phillips Fellows Hopkinson LLP

- What are the top "do's" and "don'ts" in courtroom advocacy?
- What impresses judges and what does not?
- How should Crown and defence counsel treat one another in a trial?

Charter Motions

The Honourable Justice Vincenzo Rondinelli, Ontario Court of Justice Anna Martin, Counsel, Public Prosecution Service of Canada Alison Craig, Lockyer Campbell Posner

- What should counsel consider when drafting the "Form 1"?
- What materials should be filed in advance?
- What is most helpful in a book of authorities?

Closing Remarks



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