

Critical Legal Issues in Race and Policing: A Series

Constitutional, Civil Liberties and Human Rights Law & Criminal Justice



Webcast

Dates: Part 1: September 23, 2020 – 4:30-5:30pm
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Location: Via Webcast

Program Chair: **Charlene Theodore**, OBA President and In-House Counsel, Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association



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Recent events in Canada and the United States have brought longstanding issues at the intersection of race and policing to the fore. Numerous studies and reports, including the Ontario Human Rights Commission's new interim report *A Disparate Impact*, have found that Black and Indigenous people are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system. Join us to unravel the issues as they unfold in the criminal, civil and human rights spheres. Through this four-part series, you'll gather practical advice and insights to help you navigate these issues with confidence.

Part 1: September 23, 2020 | 4:30-5:30pm

Exploring Race in Policing, and the Implications for Criminal Proceedings

Jody Berkes, Berkes Law

Lori Anne Thomas, Thomas Defence

- How to effectively represent Black, Indigenous, and other racialized clients in raising issues of racism in policing
- Helpful advice for challenging race issues at bail proceedings

Part 2: September 30, 2020 | 4:30-6:30pm

Civil, Charter and Human Rights Challenges

Roger Love, Ontario Human Rights Commission

Faisal Mirza, Faisal Mirza Professional Corporation

Moderators: **Saba Ahmad**, Saba Ahmad Professional Corporation

Alan Spiegel, Crown Attorney's Office

- Civil liability for police services
- *Charter* and Human Rights challenges
- Judicial considerations on the exclusion of evidence obtained subsequent to racial profiling
- *Gladue to Morris*: Race based considerations in sentencing
- Critical strategies for litigators

Part 3: October 2, 2020 | 1:00-2:00pm

Representing Victims and Their Families in Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Proceedings: A Workshop

Ian Bulmer, Ministry of the Attorney General Crown Law Office

Asha James, Falconers LLP

Ian Scott, Law Office of Ian Scott

Moderator: **Ghazala S. Zaman**, Public Prosecution Service of Canada

- Best practices for representing victims and families in SIU proceedings
- Understanding inquests as an advocacy avenue

Part 4: October 9, 2020 | 1:00-2:00pm

The Sociological Perspective on Systemic Racism in Policing

Professor Timothy Bryan, Dalhousie University

Moderator: **Sasha Hart**, Canadian Human Rights Commission

- Recognizing systemic racism and its impacts in policing
- The importance of race-based data, and how to access it
- What does "defund the police" actually mean?

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