

Writing Persuasive Legal Documents

Civil Litigation



Webcast

Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 | 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Webinar Only

Agenda: 9:00 am Program Commences
12:30 pm Program Concludes



This program contains:
1hr 45m of Professionalism Content
1hr 45m of Substantive Content

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Writing strategically is as important as oral advocacy. It is part of the foundation of solving and winning legal disputes, and a technique that is used daily. All lawyers, new and seasoned, need to be continuously sharpening their drafting skills. 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.

Program Chair: **Shaun Laubman**, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb LLP

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **10 Habits of Professional Writers**

Caroline Mandell, Legal communication and litigation consultant

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

9:30 am **Writing Tips and Strategies: Overview Section**

The Honourable Gloria Epstein, Court of Appeal for Ontario (Retired)

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

10:10 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

10:50 am Health & Networking Break

11:00 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

11:40 am **Writing Tips and Strategies: Pleadings, Mediation Briefs and Memos**

Shaun Laubman, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb LLP

12:05 pm **The 6-step edit**

Caroline Mandell, Legal communication and litigation consultant

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

12:30 pm Closing Remarks