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Access to Justice: How To Be An Ally

Ontario Bar Association Access to Justice Committee



Date:	Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO
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In its inaugural Summit, the OBA Access to Justice Committee shines a light on how to be an ally for access to justice. In 2020, there are many ways to be engaged in this important issue and this summit will focus on what we can all do, to be better allies in supporting access to justice across Ontario. Experienced speakers from various sectors of the legal community will address and examine the concerns and obstacles that prevent people from accessing justice equally, and how we can work together to change this. Whether it be assisting with legal aid clients, carrying out pro bono work or understanding the need to be sensitive to clients who have difficulty accessing justice properly, there are many ways you can be involved and become an ally. Join us for this highly valuable program to learn how your valuable skills set can be put to use in another new and beneficial manner!

Program Chairs: Bianca Thomas, BMO David Parry, Barrister

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks Learn the range of what opportunities exist Discuss how attendees can get involved and what 9:05 am Legal Aid from a Clinic Perspective can be offered in terms of skills and time Mary Birdsell, Executive Director, Justice For Children and Youth 10:45 am Networking Break Deepa Mattoo, Executive Director, Barbra Schlifer **Commemorative Clinic** 11:00 am Overcoming Existing Barriers Learn from leaders of community legal clinics about Dina Awad, Senior Associate, Dentons how their clinics run Fay Faraday, Founder, Faraday Law • Understand how legal clinics have adapted to the Gillian Hnatiw, Principal, Gillian Hnatiw & Co. recent budget cuts Adrian Ishak, Senior Corporate Counsel, Salesforce Sojourner King, Principal, Sojourner King Law Discuss how lawyers must be sensitive to the access Professional Corporation to justice issues that exist for their own clients Discuss the access to justice barriers that affect Examine how you can get involved and how you can use your skills to provide assistance diversity within the profession and next steps Understand how lawyers can be sensitive to the 9:45 am Pro Bono: How to Get Involved access to justice issues that face their colleagues Lia Bruschetta, Associate, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP Benefit from constructive solutions and available Lynn Burns, Executive Director, Pro Bono Ontario resources that will assist in combatting some of these Alexi Wood, Founding Partner, St. Lawrence Barristers challenges LLP 12:00 pm Program Concludes Hear from experienced practitioners who have incorporated pro bono work into their practices

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