

Criminal Law Primer

Criminal Justice / Young Lawyers Division



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chairs: **Hamna Anwar**, Lindsay Law
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Our popular primer on your first criminal law matter returns. Join our expert faculty of esteemed members of the bench and the criminal bar to learn about criminal law essentials from an applied perspective. You will learn about bail hearings, summary conviction appeals, sentencing, jury selection, and of course, trial advocacy. Make sure to attend in order to gain key insights, tips and the practical resources needed for approaching your next (or first) criminal law matter with confidence. Don't miss this opportunity to maximize your understanding of criminal law trial and appeal practices and procedures.

Register now to secure your spot.

5:00 pm Registration and Light Dinner

5:30 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

5:35 pm **Bail Hearings**
Her Worship Justice of the Peace Rhonda Roffey,
Ontario Court of Justice
Yeshe Laine, Crown Attorney's Office
Michelle Johal, Barrister & Solicitor

- 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?

6:05 pm **Summary Conviction Appeals**
The Honourable Gillian E. Roberts, Ontario Superior Court of Justice
Luke Schwalm, Crown Attorney's Office
Mark Halfyard, Daniel Brown Law

- What are the mechanics behind summary conviction appeals?
- When should you launch a summary conviction appeal?
- How do you prepare for a summary conviction appeal?
- Tips and strategies for conducting a summary conviction appeal

6:35 pm **Sentencing**
Erin Wincour, Crown Attorney's Office
Jody Berkes, Berkes Law

- How should the Crown approach sentencing hearings?
- What information should defence counsel present to best advocate for their clients?
- What do judges really want to know to help them make informed decisions?

7:05 pm Networking Break

7:20 pm **Picking a Jury**
The Honourable John B. McMahon,
Ontario Superior Court of Justice
Rosemarie Juginovic, Crown Attorney's Office
Liam O'Connor, Rusonik, O'Connor, Robbins, Ross, & Angelini, LLP

- What is the legal framework governing jury selection?
- When do you need a jury?
- How are jury members selected?
- How do you effectively select a jury to maximize your case theory?

7:50 pm **Trial Advocacy**
The Honourable Peter Bawden,
Ontario Superior Court of Justice
Brett Cohen, Crown Attorney's Office
Faisal Mirza, Mirza Kwok | Criminal Defence Lawyers

- What ethics are involved with Crown and defence counsel treating one another with civility at a trial?
- What are the top "do's" and "don'ts" in courtroom advocacy for lawyers?
- How do judges spot good advocacy at trial and what can you do to demonstrate it to them?

8:25 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

8:30 pm Program Concludes

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