

Small Claims Court: Insights on Advocacy & Unbundled Legal Services

Sole, Small Firm, General Practice / Young Lawyers Division



Webcast

Date: Tuesday, December 07, 2021 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Webinar

Agenda: 9:00 am Webinar Commences
12:00 pm Webinar Concludes



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The quantum of claims may be smaller, but effective preparation and strong advocacy skills are still critical for matters before the Small Claims Court! Join us to master the fundamentals of litigating claims from start to finish and hear strategies for enforcing judgments. Plus, learn best practices for legal coaching and providing unbundled legal services to help facilitate access to justice in this forum.

Register today and gain valuable insights for preparing and presenting your case!

Program Chairs: **Mike Maher**, Lakehead University (Thunder Bay)
Erin O'Rourke, Erin O'Rourke Law (St. Catharines)

9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	10:35 am	Preparing Litigants to Represent Themselves in Small Claims Court Heather Douglas , Heather Douglas Law (Toronto) Juda Strawczynski , Director, Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LawPro) (Toronto) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Legal coaching versus legal representationHow to coach litigants for Small Claims Court mattersAdvice for retainer agreements for unbundled services and legal coaching
9:05 am	Unique Elements of Small Claims Court Jordan Lester , Cheadles LLP (Thunder Bay) Derek Zulianello , Buset & Partners LLP (Thunder Bay) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jurisdiction of the Small Claims CourtWho has a right of appearance?Engaging with self-represented litigantsSeeking leave to appeal a decision of the Small Claims Court	11:15 am	Views from the Bench Deputy Judge Lori Kruse , Small Claims Court, Northwest Region Deputy Judge Rajneesh K. Sharda , Small Claims Court, Central West Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">Insights on effective advocacyStrategies for preparing and presenting evidenceRemote versus in-person hearings
9:45 am	Small Claims Court Process from Start to Finish George Brown , George Brown Professional Corporation (Toronto) Rodi-Lynn Rusnick-Kinisky , Lakehead University Community Legal Services (Thunder Bay) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understanding pleadings – what are the key forms?What happens at a settlement conference?Proving your claim or advancing a defence at trialRules of evidence specific to the Small Claims CourtHow to enforce judgments	12:00 pm	Program Concludes
10:25 am	Health Break		