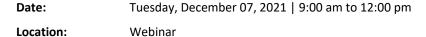


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Small Claims Court: Insights on Advocacy & Unbundled Legal Services

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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

9:05 am Unique Elements of Small Claims Court
Jordan Lester, Cheadles LLP (Thunder Bay)
Derek Zulianello, Buset & Partners LLP (Thunder Bay)

- Jurisdiction of the Small Claims Court
- Who has a right of appearance?
- Engaging with self-represented litigants
- Seeking leave to appeal a decision of the Small Claims Court

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)

- Understanding pleadings what are the key forms?
- What happens at a settlement conference?
- Proving your claim or advancing a defence at trial
- Rules of evidence specific to the Small Claims Court
- How to enforce judgments

10:25 am Health Break

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)

- Legal coaching versus legal representation
- How to coach litigants for Small Claims Court matters
- Advice for retainer agreements for unbundled services and legal coaching

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

- Insights on effective advocacy
- Strategies for preparing and presenting evidence
- Remote versus in-person hearings

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