

OBA | Professional Development

Persuasive Legal Writing

Civil Litigation

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 | 9:00 am to 12:30

pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre

20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Agenda: 8:30 am Registration

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





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This program contains: 1hr 30m of Professionalism Content 1hr 30m 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 help you hone your writing skills and move beyond boilerplate precedents. Gain insight on 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 essential program to help you build your litigation tool kit.

Program Chairs: David Milosevic, Milosevic Fiske LLP

Sachin Persaud, Boghosian & Allen LLP

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Point of View from the Bench

The Honourable Justice Michael Tulloch, Court of Appeal for Ontario

The Honourable Justice Renu Mandhane, Superior Court of Justice

- Identify and write for your audience
- Think about your writing from the Judge's perspective

9:45 am Writing Tips and Strategies: Overviews & Conclusions

Megan Keenberg, Van Kralingen & Keenberg LLP

- Explore how to draft an effective overview
- Understand the importance of being clear and concise
- Discuss the importance of a roadmap and theory that weaves throughout

10:15 am Writing Tips and Strategies: Persuasive Fact Writing

Adam Patenaude, Lerners LLP

- Determine the facts that matter and how they should be presented
- Delve into how to present the facts in a persuasive and fair manner
- Discuss the importance of logic and structure

10:55 am Health Break

11:05 am Writing Tips and Strategies: Persuasive Argument Writing

Allison J. Speigel, Speigel Nichols Fox LLP **Zohar Levy,** Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

- Canvass the best approach for persuasively presenting your arguments
- Examine how to use the facts and law, and structure your argument section

11:45 am Pleadings, Mediation Memos, Pre-trial Memos, Factum, Final Argument

David Milosevic, Milosevic Fiske LLP **Sachin Persaud**, Boghosian + Allen LLP

- Discuss how the purpose of legal documents impacts writing
- Explore the writing strategies that are common and those that are different across legal documents

12:10 pm The Final Edit

The Honourable Justice Jamie Trimble, Superior Court of Justice

- Hear about the signs of an unedited factum
- Learn the processes used by successful self-editors

12:30 pm Concluding Remarks