

Criminal Law Primer

Criminal Justice / Young Lawyers Division



Webcast

Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 | 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: Webinar

Agenda: 1:30 pm Webinar Commences
4:30 pm Webinar Concludes



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Our popular primer on criminal law matters is back! Join our expert faculty, including esteemed members of the bench and the criminal bar, to learn about criminal law essentials from an applied perspective. Get the advice and knowledge you need on bail hearings, summary conviction appeals, sentencing, and of course, trial advocacy. Our expert faculty will share key insights, tips, and practical resources 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.

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Program Chairs: **Ebony Evans**, Ministry of the Attorney General – Crown Attorney's Office
Yadesha Satheaswaran, Stockwoods LLP

1:30 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

3:05 pm Health Break

1:35 pm **Bail Hearings**
Her Worship Justice of the Peace Catherine M. Shoniker,
Ontario Court of Justice
Chris Chorney, Asst Crown Attorney, Virtual Resolution Team
- Toronto Region
Michelle Johal, Michelle Johal Law (Brampton)

- Understanding "Reasonable Bail"
- 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?

3:20 pm **Sentencing Insights**
The Honourable Kofi N. Barnes, Superior Court of Justice
David Parry, Assistant Crown Attorney, Old City Hall, Toronto
Breana Vandebeek, Gorham Vandebeek LLP

- 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?
- Gladue reports and alternate sentencing processes

2:05 pm **Practice Management & Ethics Considerations**
Mabel Lai, Crown Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General,
Crown Law Office – Criminal
Neha Chugh, Chugh Law (Cornwall)

- Effective client communication
- Preparing for remote/virtual hearings
- What ethics are involved with Crown and defence counsel treating one another with civility at a trial?

3:50 pm **Summary Conviction Appeals**
The Honourable Nancy L. Dennison, Superior Court of Justice
Matthew Shumka, Assistant Crown Attorney, Toronto Region
Summary Conviction Appeals & Extraordinary Remedies
Office
Matthew Gourlay, Henein Hutchison LLP

- 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?
- Conducting a summary conviction appeal

2:35 pm **Procedural Tips and Strategies**
The Honourable Justice Derek Ishak, Ontario Court of Justice
Robin Flumerfelt, Vice President, Education, Ontario Crown
Attorneys Association
Lakin Afolabi, Lakin Afolabi Law Professional Corporation
(London)

- Developing a theory for your case
- Techniques for examination-in-chief and cross-examination
- Delays in proceedings – potential consequences
- Understanding the Judge-Led Intensive Case Management Court certificate program

4:30 pm Program Concludes

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