

Your First Bail Hearing

Criminal Justice / Young Lawyers Division



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The bail hearing is a pivotal step in a criminal proceeding with significant implications for the personal lives of the accused. Don't make the mistake of underestimating its importance and join our faculty of esteemed members of the criminal Bench and bar as they take you through the foundational underpinnings and provide practical advice on what to do before, during and after a bail hearing. If you are interested in or new to criminal law, this program is a can't-miss opportunity to get the knowledge you need to assist your client effectively.

Register now to secure your spot.

Program Chairs: **Nimkii Kwe Abotossaway**, Matthews Law LLP (Thunder Bay)
David Parry, Assistant Crown Attorney, Old City Hall, Toronto

1:30 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:35 pm **Bail Framework**

Yeshe Laine, Assistant Crown Attorney, Downtown Toronto

Ryan Green, Ryan Green Criminal Defence Lawyer (Thunder Bay)

- Legal framework, including s.493.2
- Understanding "Reasonable Bail"
- Bail ladder

2:05 pm **Preparing for a Bail Hearing: Initial steps and considerations**

Erec Rolfe, Assistant Crown Attorney, Old City Hall (Toronto)

Amanda Gallo, Scullion Law (Thunder Bay)

- Key information needed from clients to develop plan of release
 - Crown position
 - Sureties
- Narrowing the issues: preparing your argument and questioning sureties

2:35 pm **Nuts & Bolts of Bail Hearing Advocacy**

His Worship Justice of the Peace Amanjit Singh Brar, Ontario Court of Justice

Kelly Slate, Deputy Crown Attorney, Peel Region

Michelle Johal, Michelle Johal Professional Corporation (Brampton)

- What do justices find most persuasive in a contested hearing?
- Procedural nuts and bolts of a bail hearing: what to say and when
- Using s.493.2: Gladue considerations in bail hearings and beyond

3:15 pm Health Break

3:30 pm **Post-Bail Hearing: Practical considerations**

Lakin Afolabi, Lakin Afolabi Law Professional Corporation (London)

Melanie Webb, Webb Barristers (Toronto)

- Conversations to have with your client
- Bail variations

3:55 pm **Dealing with Breaches and Subsequent Hearings**

Chris Chorney, Assistant Crown Attorney, Virtual Resolution Team - Toronto Region

Brennan Sacevich, Legal Aid Ontario, Northwest District (Thunder Bay)

- Ethical issues that arise and how to handle them
- Key considerations for subsequent bail hearings

4:25 pm Questions

4:30 pm Program Concludes