

Privacy Law Summit

Privacy and Access to Information Law Section



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON



Program Chairs: Sandev Purewal, Lerner LLP
Alwin Kong, LifeLabs

Agenda: 8:30 am – Registration and Coffee
9:00 am – Program Begins
4:30 pm – Program Concludes/Networking
Reception

This program is eligible for up to **7h 45m** of **Substantive Content**

NOTE: Total accredited content includes both programming viewed during live presentation and post program viewing of recorded break-out sessions, not viewed live.

In an era of rapid technological change and evolving regulation, staying ahead of privacy law developments is essential. Our annual Privacy Law Summit offers timely insights and practical strategies to help you manage evolving risks and obligations. This year’s topics include:

- Top 5 AI-related Privacy Issues in Canada and the U.S.
- Biometric Technologies
- Key Privacy Considerations in M&A Transactions
- Operationalizing Privacy
- Access to Information in the Age of AI and Algorithmic Decision-Making
- Genetic Privacy
- And more

Register now and ensure you have the expertise and insights to tackle a wide array of current issues in privacy law with this essential program.

8:30 am	Registration and Coffee	
9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• recent legal developments, guidance, policy and enforcement trends• practical challenges organizations face when deploying and managing these technologies
9:05 am	How rapid technological innovation and evolving regulatory landscapes are reshaping privacy law in Canada and abroad Imran Ahmad , Senior Partner, Canadian Head of Technology and Canadian Co-Head of Cybersecurity and Data Privacy, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP	Breakout Session B Key Privacy Considerations in M&A transactions Alwin Kong , LifeLabs (moderator) Jaime Cardy , Dentons Lisa R. Lifshitz , Torkin Manes LLP Travis Walker , Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP Gain practical insights into privacy issues that can arise in M&A transactions. We’ll unpack: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due diligence• Reps & warranties that should go into SPAs and APAs• Cybersecurity• Cross-border impacts and strategies
9:30 am	AI & Privacy: Top 5 Issues in Canada and the U.S. Roland Hung , Torkin Manes LLP Tyler J. Thompson , Reed Smith LLP Our expert panel will explore the top five AI-related privacy issues in Canada and the United States as well as provide practical guidance on navigating these challenges.	
10:25 am	Networking Break	11:35 am Presentation of the Karen Spector Memorial Award for Excellence in Privacy Law 2025 Award Recipient: Lyndsay A. Wasser , Partner, McMillan LLP
10:40 am	Breakout Session A Biometrics: Legal Developments and Practical Challenges Vipal Jain , Weirfoulds LLP (moderator) Caroline Deschênes , Langlois Lawyers LLP Deborah Evans , Rogers Communications Shreya Gupta , Loblaw Companies Limited From facial recognition to voice and fingerprint authentication, the use of biometric technologies is rapidly expanding as are the legal and regulatory questions they raise. Our experts will examine regulation of biometrics in Canada, including:	12:00 pm Networking Lunch
		1:00 pm Keynote Address by Stephan Luciw , Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario

1:25 pm Operationalizing Privacy: From Policy to Practice

Alwin Kong, LifeLabs (moderator)
Nadia Jandali Chao, Lerner LLP
Liana Di Giorgio, PocketHealth
Megan Sloat, ICES

Learn practical strategies for effectively embedding privacy into day-to-day operations, including privacy impact assessments, building governance frameworks, employee training, vendor management, and accountability frameworks.

2:20 pm Breakout Session A

Access to Information in the Age of AI and Algorithmic Decision-Making
Sandev Purewal, Lerner LLP (moderator)
Sandra Ferguson, Office of Information and Privacy
Commissioner of Ontario
Teresa Scassa, University of Ottawa

Join us to unravel how access to information and privacy laws intersect with algorithmic decision-making, including:

- Issues of explainability, systemic bias, and procedural fairness
- Scope and limits of disclosure
- Recent developments, emerging legal and policy responses
- Practical considerations in balancing innovation with public oversight and trust

Breakout Session B

Genetic Privacy: Your DNA, Their Data
Laura Crimi, Torkin Manes LLP (moderator)
Mavra Choudhry, Torys LLP
David Goodis, INQ law
Roohie Sharma, The Hospital for Sick Children

As the collection and use of genetic data expands, unique privacy challenges arise. Learn about the evolving legal landscape in the U.S. and U.K., including lessons from the 23andMe case. Our expert panel will examine pressing issues such as:

- Data ownership and consent
- What you need to know when advising clients on the use and sharing of genetic information
- Implications of use in research, criminal investigations, and by border agents

3:15 pm Networking Break

3:30 pm Case Law and Legislative Updates You Need to Know

Travis Walker, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP (moderator)
Shalom Cumbo-Steinmetz, Torys LLP
Mouna Hanna, Whitelaw Twining
Daanish Samadmoten, Fasken

Stay current with the valuable update on the latest case law, legislative developments and legal trends in privacy law.

4:25 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

4:30 pm Networking Reception