

# ONTARIO LEGAL CONFERENCE 2026

February 3-6, 2026

## Ontario Legal Conference: Administrative, Professional Regulation, and Immigration Law

Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 | 9:15 am to 12:30 pm

Join us as we gather lawyers practicing across various administrative law areas for this valuable program. From immigration to human rights to professional regulation and more, we'll unpack recent developments, current issues and adjudicative tribunal advocacy best practices. Reconnect with colleagues, expand your network and learn from those practicing in other legal areas at the OBA's Ontario Legal Conference.

PLENARY

SESSION A

SESSION B

9:15 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	
9:20 am	<p><b>Tribunal Check-Up: Recent Successes, Ongoing Challenges and Advocacy Best Practices</b> Hear about the key success and ongoing challenges for our adjudicative tribunals today, and gather practical advice to enhance your tribunal practice.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Emma Gardiner</b>, Rosen Sunshine LLP</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Jordan Stone</b>, Glick Feinberg Stone LLP <b>Carl Alphonse</b>, Alphonse Latham LLP <b>Maxwell Trower</b>, South Etobicoke Community Legal Services <b>Melissa VanBerkum</b>, Conway Davis Gryski</p>	
10:20 am	<b>Inter-Sections Networking Break</b>	
10:40 am	<p><b>Temporary Foreign Workers: Compliance Obligations and Worker Protections</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <b>Robin Seligman</b>, Seligman Law <b>Irina Maimust</b>, Esteri Law</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Betsy Kane</b>, Capelle Kane <b>Gabriela Ramo</b>, EY Law LLP <b>Sharaf Sultan</b>, Sultan Lawyers Workplace Solutions <b>Kirsty Niglas-Collins</b>, Collins &amp; Metcalfe LLP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New era of LMIA processing: strategy update and best practices</li> <li>• Refusal to process LMIA updates</li> <li>• Key employer compliance obligations and penalties for non-compliance (Temporary Foreign Worker Program and International Mobility Program)</li> <li>• Employment rights and obligations</li> <li>• Compensation options for temporary foreign workers</li> <li>• Applications for open work permits for vulnerable workers</li> <li>• What rights and protections are available to temporary foreign workers?</li> <li>• Common barriers experienced by workers in enforcing their rights</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recent Developments in Standard of Review for Regulated Professionals</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <b>Kelsey L. Ivory</b>, WeirFoulds LLP</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>The Honourable Justice Eileen Gillese</b>, Ontario Court of Appeal <b>Jillian Siskind</b>, Siskind Doyle <b>Carina Lentsch</b>, Richards Advocacy <b>Colin Johnston</b>, Lenczner Slaght LLP</p> <p>Get up-to-speed on important developments in standard of review in the context of regulated professionals. Hear helpful insights on recent decisions and what they mean for your practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Error of fact, law or mixed fact and law</li> <li>• Errors in principle</li> <li>• Procedural fairness</li> </ul>
12:30 pm	<b>Inter-Sections Networking Lunch</b>	

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