

# 2026 PD & Events Calendar

Plan your OBA educational and social calendar for 2026 by choosing from this exciting line up!\*

Aboriginal Law	Ontario Legal Conference: Aboriginal Law	February 3
	Gladue Reports: Opportunities and Best Practices	March 12
	Nunavut Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement	March 24
	Indigenous Rights in Class Actions	May 5
	Primer on Indigenous Law	September 24
	Indigenous Data Sovereignty	November 5
Administrative Law	Ontario Legal Conference: Administrative Law	February 3
	Evidence in Administrative Proceedings	April 1
	Nuts and Bolts of Judicial Review	April 29
	Annual Update on Human Rights	May 26
	Annual Update on Judicial Review	October 14
	Managing Self-Represented Litigants at Administrative Tribunals	November 17
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Restorative Justice	April 21
	Trauma-Informed Mediation	October 27
Business Law	Structured Flow-Through Share Planning	January 20
	Amalgamations	February 25
	Corporate Reorganizations in Estate Planning Contexts	March 26
	Secured Transaction Essentials for Business Lawyers	April 15
	24th Annual TMX, OSC and CIRO Update	September 29
	Ontario Legal Conference and Retreat - Rama, ON	October 3-4
	Advertising and Marketing Law	October 6
	Emerging Practice Trends in Private M&A Agreements	November 4
	14th Annual Professionalism Issues for Business Lawyers (Ethics Day)	December 3
Charity and Not-For-Profit Law	Dealing with Difficult Directors and Members	March 10
	Charity Law Primer	May 20
	2026 Charity & Not-for-Profit Law Update	October 1
Child and Youth Law	Advanced Issues in Child Protection Law	May 7

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Citizenship and Immigration Law	Strategies for the Temporary to Permanent Resident Transition	January 13
	Ontario Legal Conference: Administrative Law	February 3
	Challenging Ethical Dilemmas in Immigration Law	March 18
	Recent Insights on Study Permits	April 17
	Tax Implications for Your Client's Immigration Strategy	September 16
	Practice Guidance for Provincial Nominee Programs	October 21
	The Year in Review	December 9
Civil Litigation	<i>As the changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure are finalized and roll-out, the OBA will support you with a variety of programs focusing on these developments and getting you equipped with the knowledge and skills you need to litigate in this new era. Stay tuned for more details</i>	
	Working Effectively with In-House Counsel	January 20
	Ontario Legal Conference: Real Estate Litigation	February 4
	Tales from the Courtroom: Mentorship Through Storytelling	February 4
	Anatomy of a Trial	May 28-29
	Confidentiality Across Borders: Lawyer-Client Privilege and Privacy Risks in Cross-Border Litigation	November 18
	Navigating Professionalism and Ethical Issues for Litigators (Ethics Day)	December 3
Class Actions Law	A Fireside Chat on Class Actions Law	March 4
	London event: Pre & Post certification, Merits and beyond	March 26
	Indigenous Rights in Class Actions	May 5
	Securities Class Actions	May 14
	18th Annual Class Actions Colloquium	November 24
Condominium Law	Ontario Legal Conference: Condominium Law	February 3
Constitutional, Civil Liberties and Human Rights Law	Ontario Legal Conference: Labour and Employment, Human Rights and Workers Compensation	February 3
	Gladue Reports: Opportunities and Best Practices	March 12
	How to Litigate a Charter Claim Successfully	April 21
	Annual Update on Human Rights	May 26
	25th Annual Charter Conference	October 6
	Successful Criminal Appellate Advocacy Series	October 8, 22 and November 5
	Practical Differences between Federal and Provincial Human Rights Regimes	November 10
Construction and Infrastructure Law	Ontario Legal Conference: Construction Law	February 5
	Labour Issues in Construction Law	March 10
	Expert Testimony in Construction Law Trials	April 16
	An Evening with the Bench	May 7
	21st Annual Golf Day	May 27
	Construction Law Symposium	September 24
	Construction Insolvencies	October 7
	The Year in Review	November 3

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<b>Criminal Justice</b>	Gladue Reports: Opportunities and Best Practices	March 12
	Perspectives from the Bench	April 9
	Complex Drug Project Cases	May 6
<b>Education Law</b>	Accommodating Students with Disabilities	February 19
	Artificial Intelligence in Education	May 14
	Bill 33 and Beyond: Your Legislative Update	November 3
<b>Elder Law</b>	Ontario Legal Conference: Elder Law	February 3
	Powers of Attorney in Practice	April 15
	Elder Law Day	June 16
	Employment and Aging Workers: Terminations, Accommodations and Human Rights	October 8
	Contested Capacity and Declaratory Relief in Guardianship Disputes	November 18
<b>Entertainment, Media and Communications Law</b>	Key Updates in Defamation	April 16
	The Cost of “Free” Content: Entertainment and IP Intersections	October 21
<b>Environmental Law</b>	Ontario Legal Conference: Municipal, Planning and Environmental Law	February 5-6
	2026 Environmental Law Passport: Current Issues in Waste Management:	
	Part 1: Resource Recovery and Producer Responsibility	April 1
	Part 2: Enforcement Trends	May 6
	Part 3: Excess Soils	June 10
<b>Family Law</b>	Essential Updates from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 15
	Ontario Legal Conference: Family, Estates and Real Estate Law	February 4
	Evidence in Family Law Matters	March 26
	Perspectives from the Bench	April 9
	Regional Round-Up: Key Updates for Family Proceedings Across Ontario	April 23
	Your Comprehensive Guide to Financial Statements: A Series	
	Part 1: Disclosure and Compilation: Building the Foundation	May 14
	Part 2: Drafting the Financial Statement: Accuracy and Advocacy	May 21
	Part 3: Reviewing and Using the Financial Statement Strategically	May 28
	Pensions in the Family Law Context	June 18
	17th Annual Bread and Butter Issues in Family Law	September 24
	Navigating a Family Law File from Start to Finish	November 17
	Professionalism and Ethics for Family Lawyers (Ethics Day)	December 3
<b>Franchise Law</b>	25th Annual Franchise Law Conference	October 14
<b>Health Law</b>	Ontario Legal Conference: Administrative Law	February 3
	Hospital Governance and Technology Adoption	February 24
	Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare	May 12
	The New Rules of Civil Procedure and Impacts on Medical Malpractice Files	October 22
	Bridging the Gap: Funding Challenges and Access to Legal Representation in Healthcare	November 26
<b>In-House Lawyers</b>	Annual Update on Contract Drafting	February
	Navigating the Transition from Private Practice to In-House	March 24

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<b>Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law</b>	Future-Proofing Your IT and IP Contracts	February 24
	Fireside Chat with Judges of the Federal Court	April 28
	Implications of Agentic AI on Intellectual Property	September 23
	The Cost of “Free” Content: Entertainment and IP Intersections	October 21
<b>Insolvency Law</b>	Putting on the Red Sash: A Dialogue with the Bench	February 19
	Bankruptcy Basics	May 7
	Construction Insolvencies	October 7
	Collateral on Wheels: Trucking and Equipment Insolvencies	December 1
<b>Insurance Law</b>	Ontario Legal Conference: Insurance Law	February 6
	Collateral Benefits Refresher	April 14
	Anatomy of a Trial	May 28-29
	Mediation Essentials	June 17
	Duty to Defend versus Duty to Indemnify: What You Need to Know	October 7
	Causation: Essentials, Developments and Best Practices	November 10
	Navigating Professionalism and Ethical Issues for Litigators (Ethics Day)	December 3
<b>International Law</b>	Tariffs, Trade Wars and Emerging Challenges in International Trade Law	March 3
	Artificial Intelligence in International Law	May 14
	International Law Primer	October 6
	Confidentiality Across Borders: Lawyer-Client Privilege and Privacy Risks in Cross-Border Litigation	November 18
<b>Labour and Employment Law</b>	Sexual Harassment and Assault in the Workplace: Key Legal Issues and Trends	January 14
	Employment Law Fundamentals	January 22
	Ontario Legal Conference: Labour and Employment, Human Rights and Workers Compensation	February 3
	Labour Issues in Construction Law	March 10
	24th Annual Current Issues in Employment Law	April 15
	Annual Update on Human Rights	May 26
	Litigating an Employment File	September 15
	Employment and Aging Workers: Terminations, Accommodations and Human Rights	October 8
	Annual Update on Labour Law	November 19
<b>Municipal Law</b>	Ontario Legal Conference: Municipal, Planning and Environmental Law	February 5-6
	Strategies for Responding to Pseudo-legal Claims	May 12
	Professionalism for Municipal and Planning Lawyers (Ethics Day)	December 3
<b>Pensions and Benefits Law</b>	Regulators Forum 2026: MOF/OSFI/CRA/FSRA/DOF	June 2
	Pensions in the Family Law Context	June 18
	Securities Compliance and Tax Structuring	October 21
	24th Annual Hot Spots in Pensions and Benefits Law	November 19

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Privacy and Access to Information Law	Freedom of Information: Issues, Trends and Practical Guidance	March 6
	Privacy Law Basics	March 31
	Privacy Law Watch: Key Developments You Need to Know	June 2
	Privacy Law Summit	October 8
Public Sector Lawyers	Fundamentals of Government Procurement Contracts	February 25
	Freedom of Information: Issues, Trends and Practical Guidance	March 6
	Government Cost-Sharing Agreements	November 3
Real Property Law	Ontario Legal Conference: Family, Estates and Real Estate Law	February 4
	Ontario Legal Conference: Real Estate Litigation	February 4
	Your Comprehensive Guide to Commercial Real Estate: A Series	
	Session 1: Purchases and Sale	March 12
	Session 2: Leasing	March 26
	Session 3: Lending and Financing	April 9
	Ontario Legal Conference and Retreat - Rama, ON	October 3-4
	Scary Issues for the Real Estate Practitioner	October 21
	Ontario Legal Conference: Tax Law	February 4
Taxation Law	2026 Tax Law Update	September 25
	Practical Skills in Tax Law	November 4
	Professionalism and Ethical Issues for Tax Lawyers (Ethics Day)	December 3
	Ontario Legal Conference: Family, Estates and Real Estate Law	February 4
Trusts and Estates Law	Estate Litigation: Passing of Accounts	March 11
	Corporate Reorganizations in Estate Planning Contexts	March 26
	Complex Issues in Estate Administration	April 1
	An Evening with Your Estate List Judges (Toronto)	April 22
	Common Drafting Errors in Wills and Powers of Attorney	May 26
	All You Need to Know About Guardianship	June 4
	Ottawa Judges' Dinner with Trusts and Estates Lawyers	June
	Advanced Tax Strategies and Complex Issues in Estate Planning	September 15
	Dinner with Experiences Estate Planners 2026	November 10
	Professionalism and Ethical Issues in Trusts and Estates (Ethics Day)	December 3
Workers Compensation Law	Ontario Legal Conference: Labour and Employment, Human Rights and Workers Compensation	February 3
	Annual Update on Workplace Safety and Insurance Law	May 13
Young Lawyers and Students		January 13 February 17 March 17 April 14 May 19
	Call Forward: A Series on the Transition-to-Practice for Students-at-Law	
	Building Your Brand: The Path to Getting Your Own Clients	January 29
	Navigating the Transition from Student to Lawyer	February 3
	An Evening of Mentorship with the Associate Judges of the Superior Court of Justice	October 20

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<b>Fundamentals</b>	Employment Law Fundamentals	January 22
	Privacy Law Basics	March 31
	Nuts and Bolts of Judicial Review	April 29
	Bankruptcy Basics	May 7
	Charity Law Primer	May 20
	Primer on Indigenous Law	September 24
	International Law Primer	October 6
<b>General Interest</b>	Managing Partner Roundtable: A Series	Starting January 13
	Case Center Hands-On Training	January 20
		February 17
		April 21
		May 19
		June 16
	Navigating the Transition to Parenthood	February 3
	Tales from the Courtroom: Mentorship Through Storytelling	February 4
	Diversity Dialogue	March 3
	International Women's Day Event with LSO	March 5
	Navigating the Transition from Private Practice to In-House	March 24
	Inclusive Leader: EDI Fatigue: Debunking the Myths	March 27
	Serving on a Board: A Series	Starting April 8
	Conducting an Investigation: Critical Skills Series	Starting April 23
	TECHxpo 2026	August 18
	Ontario Legal Conference and Retreat – Rama, ON	October 3-4
	Third Annual Ethics Day	December 3

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# Special Events & Award Presentations

OBA Blocko	February 23 (tentative)
OBA Tom Marshall Award of Excellence for Public Sector Lawyers	March 5
Spring Celebrations Reception	March 24
OBA Randall Echlin Award for Excellence in Labour and Employment Law	March 26
OBA Ron Ellis Award for Excellence in Workers' Compensation Law	April 21
OBA Awards Gala	April 23
Rising Star Award for the OBA Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law Section	April 28
OBA Award of Excellence in Taxation Law	May 12
OBA Young Lawyers Gala	May 20
OBA Barnet Kussner Award of Excellence in Municipal Law	May 26
Construction Section Golf Day	May 27
OBA SAGDA Robert Muir Award for Mentorship	June 2
East Region Spring Fling at the National Art Gallery	TBD
OBA Award of Excellence in Trusts and Estates Law	June 9
The Heintzman Dinner	June 11
OBA Award of Excellence in Construction Law	June 25

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