

IMLA in Canada Program

Toronto, Ontario | May 31, 2022

Please note the program is tentative and subject to change



Tuesday, May 31, 2022

TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER(S)
8:15AM to 9:00AM	Breakfast	Enjoy a Continental Breakfast with fellow attendees!	
9:00AM to 9:10AM	Opening Remarks		Wendy Walberg & David Boghosian
9:10AM to 10:25AM	Protests and the Pandemic in the Municipal Context	This panel will discuss the development of the law with respect to protest activity in public spaces, including non-traditional locations, and strategies for municipalities to address unlawful behaviour while protecting the right to peaceful protest.	Gadi Katz & Mary Simms Moderator: Wendy Walberg
10:25AM to 10:40AM	Coffee Break		
10:40AM to 11:25AM	<i>Miele v. Bevilacqua</i> 2022 ONSC 2065: An Expensive Frivolous Litigation	This presentation will discuss allegations of misappropriation of special interest funds, threats of personal liability, conflicts of interest, loss of council quorum, accusations of criminality all of which ended with a dismissal and \$1M+ substantial indemnity costs awarded against the plaintiff.	Wendy Law & John Mascarin Moderator: Wendy Walberg
11:30AM to 12:15PM	An Ontario Perspective on <i>Nelson (City) v. Marchi</i> 2021 SCC 41	This presentation will discuss the nature and significance of the policy decision immunity holding in <i>Marchi</i> . The presenter will also discuss the significance of <i>Marchi</i> in statutory duty jurisdictions v. common law duty jurisdictions.	David Boghosian Moderator: Wendy Walberg
12:15PM to 1:15PM	Lunch	Enjoy a Hot Buffet Lunch with fellow attendees!	
1:15PM to 2:45PM	Indigenous Relations	The panelists will address several topics related to Indigenous relations. The first presentation will explore the legal requirements and practical considerations for developing mutually agreeable outcomes with Indigenous communities. What are the legal rights of Indigenous communities in relation to municipalities? What roles do municipalities have in reconciliation? Is there a higher path that municipalities can take to build long-lasting relationships with their Indigenous neighbours? The second presentation will discuss Toronto's relationship with First Nations adjacent to Green Lane Landfill including Agreements and Opportunities; and the third presentation will discuss the City of Saskatoon's many urban reserve agreements, experiences and best practices.	Scott Pasternack, Ian Duke, Brent Lehmann & Jodi Manastyrski Moderator: David Boghosian
2:45PM to 3:00PM	Coffee Break		
3:00PM to 4:00PM	Issues and Implications: How Prompt Payment and Adjudication Are Playing Out Across Canada	A discussion of how prompt payment rules and new adjudication processes are being adopted for construction projects across Canada, with a focus on what the Ontario experience has been so far. The panellists will explore the challenges created by these recent developments and provide tips on how best to manage them.	Michele Wright & Glenn Ackerley Moderator: David Boghosian
4:05PM to 5:05PM	Ethical Lawyering in a (Post?) Pandemic World	This presentation will discuss considerations relevant to changes in the practice of law arising from the pandemic. This includes the duties of lawyers as advocates in the online world (i.e., with the proliferation of Zoom hearings and CaseLines). It will also include discussion on Chapter 3 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (i.e., competence, confidentiality, and quality of service). The presentation will also discuss larger societal issues regarding equity, diversity, and inclusion.	Pino Cianfarani, Stephen Ronan & Zahra Vaid Moderator: David Boghosian
5:15PM	Networking Reception	Courtesy of Lerner LLP, attendees will gather at P.J. O'Brien Irish Pub and Restaurant for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and a great time!	