



2019 Fall Conference

October 24th & 25th

Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay, ON

Guest Speaker Thursday, October 24, 2019, 12:00 pm

**Maria Mitousis, LLB.,
Mitousis Lemieux Howard Law**

“Workplace Safety for Lawyers, Staff, Law Firms”

For Maria, each day as a family lawyer provides the opportunity to make a difference and to connect with people as they face challenging times. She understands how daunting these obstacles can be and knows the road can be made easier with support and sound counsel. That is why Maria strives to bring to her clients a compassionate ear, a positive outlook and problem-solving advice. With skills developed over a 13 year career in family law, Maria guides her clients whether by the collaborative model, by negotiated settlement, or using court processes.

Maria believes it is important to give back to the legal community: she volunteers with both the Legal Help Centre and the Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre, acts as a mentor to law students, is an elected member of Council for the Manitoba Bar Association and sits on the executive committees of the MBA's Family Law Section and Women Lawyers' Section. A supporter of Winnipeg's many non-profit groups, Maria is Vice Chair of the board of trustees of Manitoba Opera, a director of the St. Mary's Academy school board and a director of Nature Manitoba. She also sits on alumni committees for both St. Mary's Academy and St. Paul's College.

Guest Speaker Friday, October 25, 2019, 12:00 pm

**Dr. Jula Hughes, MA, PhD, LLB
Dean, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, Lakehead University**

***“Responding to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls—
Taking a Rights-Based Approach”***

Dr. Jula Hughes, MA, PhD, LLB, was appointed Dean of the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law at Lakehead University, in August 2019. Formerly of the Ontario bar, she joined the University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law after practicing labour, employment and human rights law in Ottawa, following a clerkship for Justice Ian Binnie of the Supreme Court of Canada. Her research and teaching focuses on judicial ethics (especially respecting disqualification), criminal law (focusing on its application to marginalized populations, and Criminal Code reform), and Aboriginal law (particularly the legal recognition of and provision of services to off-reserve and non-status Aboriginal people).

She was the co-chair of a review of New Brunswick's legal aid system commissioned by the provincial Minister of Justice in 2007 and counsel for the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission before the Supreme Court of Canada in *New Brunswick Human Rights Commission v. Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc.*, 2008 SCC 45. She serves as the Chair of the Federal Witness Protection Program Advisory Committee of the RCMP, as faculty liaison of the Access to Justice Coalition of New Brunswick, as Vice President of the Fredericton Legal Advice Clinic, and as a member of the Board of the New Brunswick Pay Equity Coalition.

Her research contributes to a collaboration between native Councils, provincial and federal governments and police forces titled “Looking out for each other: A research and community action collaboration for improved services for the families of missing Aboriginal women, girls, and sexual and gender minorities.



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Thursday, October 24, 2019

8:00 am–9:00 am REGISTRATION

9:00 am–4:30 pm FAMILY LAW (CPD credits pending)

Michael Zalev, partner, Epstein Cole LLP— “Family Law, a year in review”

John Illingworth, Atwood Labine LLP; Martha Petryshyn, Weiler Maloney Nelson — “Top 10 tips for new lawyers”

Susan Ervin, Director of Family Responsibility Office (FRO) — “Changes and updates to FRO”

Martha Petryshyn, Weiler Maloney Nelson — “Top 10 tips for when the OCL is involved”

Michael Zalev, partner, Epstein Cole LLP— “Financial disclosure, valuing assets and the effects of bankruptcy in Family Law”

Ray Leclair, VP Public Affairs, LawPro — “Popular claims & good defensive practice”

Justice Tracey Nieckarz, Superior Court of Justice, Northwest Region — “A view from both sides of the Bench”

10:30 am -10:45 am REFRESHMENT BREAK SPONSORED BY



12:00 pm—1:15 pm Lunch sponsored by



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3:00pm - 3:15 pm REFRESHMENT BREAK SPONSORED BY



9:00 am–4:30 pm ESTATES LAW (CPD credits pending)

Ian Hull, Hull & Hull LLP & Jordan Atin, Hull and Hull LLP

9:00-10:00am — “Introduction, Will Challenges”

10:00-10:45am — “Dependent Relief and Family Law Claims”

11:00-11:45am — “Passing of Accounts”

11:45-noon— “Capacity Litigation”

1:30-2:00pm — “LawPro Update”

2:00-4:30pm — “Checklist for Will Planners”

9:00 am–12:00 pm LABOUR LAW (3 hours Substantive – 30 minutes Professional)

The Six-Minute Labour Lawyer 2019 (Replay) - It’s been a busy year. Many important provincial and federal arbitration, labour board, and court cases have been released, impacting various facets of labour law. Turn to our presenting arbitrators, labour board adjudicators, union counsel, and management lawyers for concise highlights and valuable commentary on a range of cases, topical issues, and legislative developments. As always, you receive a collection of papers and materials that explore each speaker’s topic in greater depth. What is a reasonable expectation of privacy in the workplace after Jarvis? In what circumstances will discipline for recreational marijuana use be upheld at arbitration? When does a reduction of hours amount to a layoff?

1:30 pm–4:30 pm EMPLOYMENT LAW (3 hours 15 minutes Substantive – 15 minutes Professional)

The Six-Minute Employment Lawyer 2019 (Replay) - Employment law never stands still. Each year sees the release of important rulings at all court levels, including the Supreme Court. How can you be sure that you’re providing the best advice to your employer and employee clients? You must stay on top of all the developments. For a concise breakdown of a wide range of issues, look to our presenters, who are experienced lawyers, in-house counsel, and adjudicators. Get a briefing about the effect of bankruptcy on the employment relationship; Learn what the courts are awarding for notice periods; Hear concise analyses of the latest just cause cases.

4:30 p.m. - WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION SPONSORED BY

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Friday, October 25, 2019

8:00 am–9:00 am REGISTRATION

9:00 am–4:30 pm CIVIL LAW (CPD credits pending)

Stephen Wojciechowski, Eryou Barristers — *“The Rules Committee & Proposed Changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure”*
Warren Mouck, Cheadles LLP — *“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Appeals: but were justifiably too afraid to ask”*
Katy Commisso, Buset LLP — *“Update on Ethical Issues and Conduct”*
Stephen Wojciechowski, Eryou Barristers — *“Panel: Expert Evidence in Civil Litigation”*
Jordan Lester & Nathan Wainwright, Cheadles LLP — *“Slapp Fight 2.0”*
TBA, Superior Court of Justice, Northwest Region — *“Update from the Bench (including the Civil Case Management Pilot: One-Judge Model)”*
Samuel Crowe, Buset LLP — *“The “Construction (no longer “Construction Lien”) Act”*

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9:00 am–12:00 pm CORPORATE/COMMERCIAL LAW (2 hours, 40 minutes Substantive— 0 hours Professional)

Mike Strickland & Mike Maher, Buset LLP— *“Opening Remarks”*
Kenneth Kraft, Dentons— *“Insolvency 2.0: Practical Tips for Bankruptcy and Insolvency Related Court Matters”, followed by Q & A*
Wayne Gray, Thomson Reuters— *“Part 1: Practical Law: Canada’s Third Annual Report on Legal Trends in Canadian Private M&A”*
Wayne Gray, Thomson Reuters— *“Part 2: Practical Law: Canada’s Third Annual Report on Legal Trends in Canadian Private M&A”, followed by Q & A*

9:00 am–12:00 pm CRIMINAL LAW (CPD credits pending)

9:00-10:45am “Not in My Backyard” — **Dr. Jula Hughes (Dean, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, Lakehead University)**, analyzes the recent (May 2019) Supreme Court decision in *R. v. Le*, involving a friendly visit by police to a neighbourhood backyard, that proceeded to a less-than-friendly arrest—the Court took social science evidence into account (respecting arbitrary detention and a person’s race), despite a limited evidentiary record concerning it.

11:00-12:00 noon “The Round Up” — Your need to-know review of the high points in criminal law (the top 10 cases) from the past year, featuring the sparkling youth of our legal community (who still remember how to do research), Dan Cox (the younger), Kevin Meuszynski and Claire McCann.

1:30 pm–4:30 pm REAL ESTATE (CPD credits pending)

1:30-3:00pm Sidney Troister, C.Ar., LSM, Torkin Manes LLP— *“Back to Planning Act Basics”*
3:15-3:45pm William Little, Thunder Bay Land Registry Office— *“Update from the Land Titles Office”*
3:45-4:30pm Speaker TBA, LawPro/TitlePlus— *“Planning Act Claims”*

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