



## 2024 Fall Conference October 17th & 18th

### Keynote Speaker

Thursday, October 17, 2024

12:30pm — 1:15pm

Colin Lachance, Principal of PGYA Consulting,  
and OBA Innovator-in-Residence

#### *"Developments in AI"*

Colin supports legal professionals and organizations on their AI journey. Through his role with the OBA, he is spearheading a comprehensive initiative aimed at assisting lawyers with effectively integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into their practice to better serve their clients.

Admitted to the law societies of Alberta (1998) and Ontario (2004), his prior roles included senior legal, advocacy, marketing and lobbying roles in the telecommunications industry. Finally, although an average and unimpressive student in all his schooling, Colin added an LLM in law in technology in 2013 to degrees in law and business earned in the bloom of youth.

*(CPD Credits = 30 min Professionalism)*



### Keynote Speaker

Friday, October 18, 2024

12:30pm — 1:15pm

Conway Fraser,  
Managing Director, Fraser Torosay Inc.

#### *"Fireside Chat: Navigating the Chaotic Court of Public Opinion"*

As lawyers, we are experts at defending our clients within the legal system — but what happens when the clear and present risk is outside the courthouse? We'll explore real-world examples of how missteps in communication can do more damage than legal battles and how to ensure our clients survive both the courtroom and the headlines.

Conway Fraser is co-founder and Managing Director at Fraser Torosay, where he leads strategic communication and reputation management initiatives with leaders and companies around the globe. Prior to 2009 he was an award-winning investigative journalist and national reporter with the CBC. He co-authored *Leaders Under Fire: The CEO's Survival Guide to Navigating Corporate Crisis*.

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

### KEYNOTE LUNCHEON SPEAKER

12:30pm — 1:15pm

*Colin Lachance, PGYA Consulting, OBA Innovator in Residence*

*"Developments in AI"*

(CPD Credits = 30 min Professionalism)

### CIVIL PROGRAM — 9:00 am—4:30pm

(CPD credits = 4 hrs 35 min Substantive; 1 hr 45 min Professionalism; 0 min EDI)

(Program Co-Chairs: Katy Commisso, Buset LLP and Dan Lester, White Macgillivray Lester LLP)

9:00am— 9:05am Opening Remarks (Dan Lester, White Macgillivray Lester LLP)

9:05am— 9:45am "Chat CPT for Lawyers" (Jon Clancy, Senior Director of Operations and Innovation, Ontario Bar Association)

9:45am— 10:30am "Prompt Payment and Adjudication—Changes to the Construction Act" (Charlie Powell, Glaholt Bowles LLP)

10:30am— 10:45am MINI BREAK (15 min)

10:45am— 11:20pm "Expert Reports: Do's and Don'ts" (Joe Bowcock, Smockum Zarnett LLP)

11:20am— 12:00pm "Thinking Outside of the Box; Best Practices for Successful Mediation" (Frank Gomberg)

12:00pm— 1:15pm LUNCH & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

1:15pm— 2:15pm "How to Make your Pitch" (The Honorable John I. Laskin)

2:15pm— 3:00pm "Estate Litigation Update" (Hannah Gladstone, Carrel + Partners LLP; Karen Hagman, MayLex Litigation Professional Corp.)

3:00pm— 3:15pm MINI BREAK (15 min)

3:15pm— 3:45pm "Judicial Notice? (The Gameshow)" (Derek Zulianello, Buset LLP; Jordan Lester, Cheadles LLP)

3:45pm— 4:20pm "Things I Know Now That I Didn't Know or Appreciate Before" (Justice Stephen Wojciechowski, Superior Court of Justice—NW Region)

4:20pm— 4:25pm Closing Remarks (Katy Commisso, Buset LLP)

### ESTATES PROGRAM — 9:00am—4:30pm

(CPD credits = 4 hrs 20 min Substantive; 40 min Professionalism; 20 min EDI)

(Program Co-Chairs: Fhara Pottinger, Waddington & Pottinger Law LLP and Gillian Matson, Ericksons LLP)

9:00am— 9:02am Welcome and Opening Remarks (Program Chair: Fhara Pottinger, Waddington & Pottinger Law LLP)

9:02am— 12:00pm (Speakers: Ian M. Hull, Suzana Popovic-Montag — Hull & Hull LLP)

- ◇ Mental health issues and estates
- ◇ Duty of disclosure in estate litigation – disclosure of estate assets
- ◇ Dealing with emotional, grieving, and vulnerable clients in estates
- ◇ Impairment and testamentary capacity
- ◇ Atypical probate applications
- ◇ LawPRO practical tips
- ◇ Challenging wills in Ontario: minimal evidentiary threshold
- ◇ The contentious passing of accounts

10:30am—10:45am MINI BREAK (15 min)

12:00pm— 1:30pm LUNCH & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

2:45pm— 3:00pm MINI BREAK (15 min)

1:30pm— 4:30pm (Speakers: Ian M. Hull, Suzana Popovic-Montag — Hull & Hull LLP)

- ◇ Searching for heirs – how far should you go?
- ◇ Practical tips: Drafting to avoid disputes
- ◇ Limitation periods in estate litigation
- ◇ The power of beneficiaries to collectively extinguish a trust
- ◇ Substantial compliance update
- ◇ When is a corporate executor necessary?
- ◇ The use of majority clauses and protection against co-trustees
- ◇ Holographic wills – recent updates and challenges

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

### KEYNOTE LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

12:30pm — 1:15pm

*Conway Fraser, Managing Director, Fraser Torosay Inc.*

*"Fireside Chat: Navigating the Chaotic Court of Public Opinion"*

(CPD Credits = 30 min Professionalism)

### LABOUR/EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS — 9:00am—4:30pm

(CPD credits = 2 hrs 30 min Substantive; 45 min Professionalism; 2 hrs 15 min EDI)

(Program Co-Chairs: *Suraj Dave, Edwards Bell Jewitt LLP and Andrew Mawdryk, O'Neill Associates*)

**9:00am—9:02** Opening remarks

**9:02am—10:00am** "Racism as Workplace Harassment and Discharge" (*Brad Smith, Weiler Maloney Nelson LLP*)

**10:00am—11:00am** "Employer Rules: Lessons from COVID-19 Vaccination Policies" (*Derek Zulianello, Buset LLP*)

**11:00am—12:00pm** "Common Employer and Successor Employer Applications under the Labour Relations Act "

(*Jeremy Kirk, Cheadles LLP*)

#### 12:00pm— 1:30pm LUNCH & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**1:30pm— 2:30pm** "Jurisdiction for First Nation Labour Relations" (*Shawn Bell, Edwards Bell Jewitt LLP*)

**2:30pm— 3:30pm** "Unjust Dismissal Versus Wrongful Termination" (*Derek Noyes, Ericksons LLP*)

**3:30pm— 4:30pm** "Dufault v Ignace: The Death of Without Cause Termination Clauses" (*Jordan Lester, Cheadles LLP*)

### CORPORATE PROGRAM — 9:00am—12:00pm

(CPD credits = 3 hrs 0 min Substantive; 0 min Professionalism; 0 min EDI)

(Program Chairs: *Jessica Alves, Buset LLP and Rob Miault, Buset LLP*)

**9:00am** Opening Remarks (Program Chairs: *Jessica Alves, Buset LLP and Rob Miault, Buset LLP*)

**9:00am—9:45am** "NOSI Ban for Consumer Goods – Impacts from a Corporate Law Perspective" (*Mohsen Seddigh, Partner, Sotos LLP*)

**9:45am –10:15am** "Cybersecurity and Corporate Governance" (*Daanish Samadmoten, Partner, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP*)

#### 10:15am— 10:30am MINI BREAK (15 min)

**10:30am—11:00am** "Climate Change and Corporate Governance" (*Sabrina Spencer, Associate, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP*)

**11:00am—11:55am** "Artificial Intelligence; Leading Successful AI Adoptions, a Practical Approach" (*Stephen Burns, Partner, Bennett Jones LLP*)

**11:55am—12:00pm** "Q & A session"

### FAMILY PROGRAM — 9:00am—4:30pm

(CPD credits = 4 hrs 0 min Substantive; 1 hour 30 min Professionalism; 0 hrs 0 min EDI)

(Program Co-Chairs: *Margaret Waddington, Waddington & Pottinger Law LLP and Tisha Hasan, Cheadles LLP*)

**9:00am— 9:02am** Opening Remarks (Program Chair: *Margaret Waddington, Waddington & Pottinger Law LLP*)

**9:02am— 9:45am** "Professionalism, Civility and Client Management Panel" (*Justice Claudia Belda, Ontario Court of Justice; Martha Petryshyn, Weiler Maloney Nelson LLP; Kevin Cleghorn, Lawyer/Mediator*)

**9:45am—10:30am** "LawPro" (*Chris Stankiewicz, LawPro Senior Claims Counsel*)

#### 10:30am —10:45am MINI BREAK (15 min)

**10:45am— 11:45am** "Family Law, A Year in Review" (*Adam Prewer, Epstein Cole LLP*)

**11:45am— 12:00pm** "Q & A Session"

#### 12:00pm— 1:30pm LUNCH & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**1:30pm— 2:00pm** "Comments from the Bench" (*Justice Tracey Nieckarz, Superior Court of Justice, Northwest Region*)

**2:00pm— 2:45pm** "Highs and Lows of Spousal Support" (*Adam Prewer, Epstein Cole LLP*)

#### 2:45pm – 3:00pm MINI BREAK (15 min)

**3:00pm— 4:00pm** "Alternative Dispute Resolution " (*Hillary Linton and Katherine Lambert*)

**4:00pm— 4:30pm** "Comments from the Bench" (*Justice Claudia Belda, Ontario Court of Justice*)

**4:30pm— 4:45pm** "Q/A session "

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2024**

**CRIMINAL PROGRAM — 1:30pm-4:30pm**

(CPD credits = 1 hr 0 min Substantive; 1 hour and 30 minutes EDI)

(Program Chair: Neil McCartney, Atwood Labine LLP)

**1:30pm— Opening Remarks** (Program Chair: Neil McCartney, Atwood Labine LLP)

**1:30pm— 3:00pm "Nokiiwin Tribal Council's New Restorative Justice Programming"** (Joseph Duncan, Restorative Justice Co-ordinator, Nokiiwin Tribal Council; Travis Godick and Serena Jacobsen, Kairos)

**3:00pm— 3:15pm MINI BREAK (10 min)**

**3:15pm— 4:15pm "The Round-Up: The Top 10 Cases of the Past Year"** (Josh Platanitis and friends)

**4:15pm— 4:30pm "Informal Discussion amongst the Criminal Bar"**

**REAL ESTATE PROGRAM — 1:30pm—4:30pm**

(CPD credits = 1 hr 25 min Substantive; 1 hr 20 min Professionalism; 0 min EDI)

(Program Chair: Kady Stachiw, Ruberto Sheikh LLP)

**1:30pm— 1:35pm "Opening Remarks"** (Program Chair: Kady Stachiw, Ruberto Sheikh LLP)

**1:32pm— 2:10pm "LAWPro Update"** (Safiyya Vankalwala, LAWPro)

**2:10pm— 2:45pm "Mortgage Fraud—How Not to Get Duped!"** (Doug Bourassa, Torkin Manes LLP)

**2:45pm— 3:00pm MINI BREAK (15 min)**

**3:00pm— 3:35pm "Non-Canadian Citizens and Non-PRs—Analysis"** (Kady Stachiw, Ruberto Sheikh LLP)

**3:35pm— 4:15pm "Current Issues in Real Estate"** (panel discussion with Kady Stachiw, Ruberto Sheikh LLP; Lydia Leroux, Larson Lawyers; Cody Fraser, Cheadles LLP)

**4:15pm— 4:30pm "Closing Remarks and Questions"**



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