



**50th National Criminal Law Program**  
**Hyatt Regency Hotel Vancouver, BC**  
**July 7-11, 2025**

**Criminal Procedure,  
Ethics and the *Charter***

**PROGRAM**



Federation of  
Law Societies  
of Canada

# Sunday July 6

All sessions will take place in the Vancouver Hyatt Regency Hotel unless noted otherwise.

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm Registration

★ 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm First Timer's Reception

Location TBC

# Monday July 7

7:45 am – 4:00 pm Registration

8:00 am – 8:45 am Breakfast

8:45 am – 9:05 am Welcome and Introductions

9:05 am – 9:45 am Opening Presentation: Has the *Charter* Lived Up to Its Promise?

Presenters to be announced

9:45 am – 10:45 am Independence in the Criminal Justice System – What It Means and How It Works



Chair  
Panelists

The Honourable Justice Joyce DeWitt-Van Oosten  
The Honourable Judge Hugh Harradence  
Katie Doherty  
Nader Hasan

10:45 am – 11:05 am Health Break

11:05 am – 11:20 am Point of View: Is There Another Way? Exploring Alternatives to an Adversarial System



Presenter

Jonathan Rudin

11:20 am – 12:00 PM Interim Judicial Release: Latest Developments, Social Context Evidence and Managing Public Perception

Chair  
Panelists

The Honourable Justice Cameron Gunn  
The Honourable Justice Susan Magotiaux  
Micah Rankin  
Brandon Rolle

12:00 pm – 1:20 pm Lunch

(Lunch is not provided; registrants on their own)

1:20 pm – 2:10 pm Getting Ready for Trial – Pre-Trial Applications (Non-*Charter*)

Chair  
Panelists

Michelle Booker  
The Honourable Justice Ian Carter  
Jennifer Conroy  
Karen Endres

# Monday July 7 (con't)

2:10 pm – 3:00 pm Getting Ready for Trial – Pre-Trial Applications Unique to Sexual Assault Cases

Chair The Honourable Justice Annie Émond  
Panelists Teresa Donnelly  
Anil Kapoor

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm Health Break

3:20 pm – 4:20 pm Breakout Sessions (Selection Made Onsite)

**Dangerous and Long-Term Offenders, Specialized Peace Bonds**

Chair Sandra Bracken  
Panelists The Honourable Judge Elizabeth Buckle  
Randy Schwartz  
Julianna Greenspan

**Extradition – Committal, Surrender, and *Charter* Applications**

Chair Professor Rob Currie  
Panelists The Honourable Justice Eric Gottardi  
David Schermbrucker  
Erin Dann

**NCRMD Cases – Procedural and Substantive Issues**

Chair Frank Addario  
Panelists The Honourable Judge Mark Heerema  
Marie-Christine Godbout  
Michael Davies

**Criminal Appeals – Summary Conviction and Indictable**

Chair Ami Kotler  
Panelists The Honourable Justice Joe Di Luca  
Gerald Chan  
Andi MacKay

4:30 pm

Opening Reception

Hyatt Regency  
Perspectives (34<sup>th</sup> Floor)

# Tuesday July 8



★ 7:45 am – 8:45 am Richard E. Shadley K.C. Mentoring Breakfast: Focus on Practice Management

8:00 am – 8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am Search and Seizure: Latest Developments

Chair Scott Fenton  
Panelists The Honourable Judge Hugh Harradence  
Katie Doherty  
Gerald Chan

10:00 am – 10:30 am Lectures on Ethics



Ethical Issues for the Crown in Identifying/Addressing Potential *Charter* Claims  
Lecturer Michelle Booker

Ethical Obligations for the Defence in Bringing *Charter* Claims  
Lecturer Anil Kapoor

Judge's Obligation to Assist on *Charter* Issues  
Lecturer The Honourable Judge Mark Heerema

10:30 am – 10:50 am Health Break

10:50 am – 11:35 am Arbitrary Detention: Latest Developments

Chair Karen Endres  
Panelists The Honourable Justice Ian Carter  
Ami Kotler  
Sarah Rankin

★ 11:40 am – 12:40 pm Workshops (Pre-selection required)

Writing Workshop (Part 1 of 2)  
Presenters The Honourable John Laskin  
Caroline Mandell

Seminar on Section 24(2) Remedy Applications (English)  
Chair Andi MacKay  
Presenters The Honourable Justice Susan Magotiaux  
Randy Schwartz  
Erin Dann

Seminar on Section 24(2) Remedy Applications (French)  
Chair The Honourable Justice Annie Émond  
Presenters The Honourable Justice Alexandre Boucher  
Marie-Christine Godbout  
Giuseppe Battista

12:40 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch

# Tuesday July 8 (con't)

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Right to Counsel: Latest Developments

Chair  
Panelists

Nader Hasan  
Judge Allison Dellandrea  
Elisa Frank  
Sandra Bracken

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm Unreasonable Delay: Latest Developments

Chair  
Panelists

The Honourable Justice Eric Gottardi  
The Honourable Justice Joe Di Luca  
Jennifer Conroy  
Tony Paisana

3:30 pm – 3:50 pm Health Break

3:50 pm – 4:30 pm The Most Impactful *Charter* Case in 50 Years, Other Than *Stinchcombe*  
– The Faculty Speaks, the Registrants Vote

Chair  
Panelists

Scott Hutchison  
The Honourable Judge Cameron Gunn  
Julianna Greenspan

# Wednesday July 9

8:00 am – 8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am Roundtable on Mental Health Issues (Generally) and the Adjudicative Process



Chair  
Panelists

The Honourable Judge Hugh Harradence  
Micah Rankin  
Catriona Kaiser-Derrick  
Guest Presenter TBC

10:00 am – 10:20 am Point/Counterpoint: The Increasing Complexity of Criminal Litigation: Unavoidable or Self-Imposed?



Presenters

Frank Addario  
Professor Rob Currie

10:20 am – 10:40 am Health Break

10:40 am – 11:10 am Voluntary, Informed, and Unequivocal Pleas – The Requirements

Chair  
Panelists

Scott Hutchison  
The Honourable Justice Joyce DeWitt-Van Oosten  
Elisa Frank  
Michael Davies

11:10 am – 12:10 pm Ask Me Anything About Ethics: A Roundtable Discussion of Difficult Ethical Problems



Chair  
Panelists

The Honourable Judge Elizabeth Buckle  
Teresa Donnelly  
Giuseppe Battista

# Thursday July 10



7:45 am – 8:45 am Richard E. Shadley K.C. Mentoring Breakfast:  
Focus on Establishing and Maintaining Professional Relationships

8:00 am – 8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:45 am Victim Participation in The Trial Process: Specialized Procedure

Chair Anil Kapoor  
Panelists The Honourable Judge Mark Heerema  
Teresa Donnelly  
Tony Paisana

9:45 am – 10:15 am Lectures on Ethics

Starting or Maintaining a Prosecution – The Crown’s Obligations  
Lecturer Micah Rankin

Managing Privilege Issues, Including Inadvertent Disclosure – Defence Obligations  
Lecturer Andi MacKay

Ensuring Equality According to Law – A Judge’s Obligations  
Lecturer The Honourable Judge Cameron Gunn

10:15 am – 10:35 am Health Break

10:35 am – 11:20 am Sentencing Hearings

Chair The Honourable Justice Joe Di Luca  
Panelists The Honourable Justice Susan Magotiaux  
Katie Doherty  
Catriona Kaiser-Derrick



11:25 am – 12:15 pm Workshops  
Writing Workshop (Part 2 of 2)

Presenters The Honourable John Laskin  
Caroline Mandell

Seminar on Section 24(1) Remedy Applications (English)  
Chair Michael Davies  
Panelists The Honourable Judge Elizabeth Buckle  
Elisa Frank  
Sandra Bracken

Seminar on Section 24(1) Remedy Applications (French)  
Chair The Honourable Justice Alexandre Boucher  
Panelists The Honourable Justice Annie Émond  
Marie-Christine Godbout  
Giuseppe Battista

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:20 pm Demonstration: Submissions at Sentencing

Judge To be announced  
Crown David Schermbrucker



# Thursday July 10 (con't)

Defence Scott Hutchison

2:20 pm – 2:50 pm Lecture: Systemic Marginalization – Making the Courtroom a Safe Place



Presenter To be announced

2:50 pm – 3:10 pm Question Period

3:10 pm – 3:30 pm Health Break

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Breakout Sessions  
Hate Crimes and Section 2(b) of the *Charter*

Chair Jonathan Rudin  
Panelists The Honourable Justice Allison Dellandrea  
Ami Kotler  
Brandon Rolle

Regulatory Investigations – Unique Issues and Best Practices

Chair Scott Fenton  
Panelists The Honourable Justice Eric Gottardi  
Jennifer Conroy  
Nader Hasan

Prosecuting and Defending Offences of Intimate Partner Violence

Chair Frank Addario  
Panelists Michelle Booker  
Karen Endres

\$ ★ 6:30 pm

Closing Event

Hyatt Regency  
Regency Ballroom



# Friday July 11

8:00 am – 8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:30 am Point/Counterpoint: The Dialogue Between the Courts and Parliament: Is It Working?

**Presenters** Gerald Chan  
Randy Schwartz

9:35 am – 10:05 am Advocacy for the Ages – Reflections from the Bench



**Chair** To be announced  
**Panelists** The Honourable Justice Allison Dellandrea  
The Honourable Justice Ian Carter

10:05 am – 10:45 am Supreme Court of Canada Report: Must-Reads from 2023/24

**Chair** The Honourable Justice Joyce DeWitt-Van Oosten  
**Panelists** The Honourable Justice Alexandre Boucher  
David Schermbrucker  
Sarah Rankin

11:00 am – 11:20 am Lecture: Supreme Court of Canada Cases to Watch For in 2024/25

**Presenter** Professor Rob Currie

11:20 am – 11:30 am Closing Remarks

## Accreditation

This program qualifies for up to 21.66 CPD hours (7.5 of which qualify as ethics hours) under the Continuing Professional Development Policies of most Law Societies. Participation in the Mentoring Breakfasts qualify for an additional 1 CPD and ethics hour each.

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