

CPD Report

By Paula Puddy, CPD Director

Please plan to attend the 14th Annual Straight from the Bench conference on Monday, May 6, 2019 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Doubletree Hilton followed by a cocktail reception until 5:00pm.

Early bird prices end on March 15, 2019. SIGN-UP NOW!

Here are the Top 5 reasons to attend:

1. There will be lots of **JUDGES!**

This conference is truly a “Straight from the Bench experience” with four members of the bench participating! We are delighted to welcome the Honourable Mr. Justice David Brown of the Court of Appeal to our conference. In addition, we will hear from the Honourable Madam Justice Helen Rady and the Honourable Mr. Justice Marc Garson.

2. We already have 11 **PRESENTERS!**

- View from the Court of Appeal: Red block, green block, yellow block, blue; with so much competition, what do we do? *The Honourable Mr. Justice David M. Brown of the Court of Appeal for Ontario*
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion: *Dr. Randal Graham of Western Law*
- A Fireside Chat with *The Honourable Mr. Justice Marc A. Garson moderated by Anne-Marie Frauts*
- Southwest Regional Update 2018
- Post-Hyrniak: A panel discussion with *The Honourable Mr. Justice David M. Brown of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, The Honourable Madam Justice Helen Rady, Kelly Clark Tranquilli moderated by Dara Lambe*

- Constructive Trusts: A case comment by *Leanne Kuchynski of Siskinds LLP*
- Standard of Review for Arbitrators: A case comment by *George Hamzo of Lerner's LLP*
- Summary Judgment: A case comment by *Benjamin Blay of Cohen Highley LLP*
- Cannabis is Legal, now what? by *James Zegers of Zegers Law PC*

3. Get a head start on your **EDI HOURS!**

Thanks to Dr. Randal Graham of Western Law, you will hear about an interesting Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) topic and earn 45 minutes towards your accreditation at our conference!

4. Our conference chairs **ROCK!**

Anne Marie Frauts, Dara Lambe and Dagmara Wozniak, have been busy putting together a fantastic agenda, soliciting speakers and coordinating the panels and demonstrations. Our judicial chair, The Honourable Madam Justice Lynne Leitch, is a strong force behind the scenes, soliciting judges for our conference!

5. Enjoy the **SWAG!**

We already have 13 sponsors showcasing their services and supporting our conference:

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Visit their booths for excellent conversation, networking, SWAG and a chance to win a door prize!

There used to be a 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 - to make Paula Puddy, MLA CPD Director, **HAPPY!** But, you always do by registering for our in-person programs and supporting the MLA.

Fill out a registration form (go to www.middlaw.on.ca and click on CPD & Events). Thank you and see you on May 6!