

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 – 9:00 REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:05 CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS OPENING REMARKS

Malcolm Mercer, Treasurer, Law Society of Ontario (*Toronto, ON*)

Amy Salyzyn, Professor, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (*Ottawa, ON*)

9:05 – 10:30 MODERNIZING LEGAL REGULATION

This panel will address issues which can and should drive some rethinking of approaches to legal regulation, including how some law societies are implementing entity regulation through the registration and regulation of law firms and how other professions are adopting Right Touch Regulation to both improve the quality and relevance of the public interest oversight of their profession in times of dramatic changes.

Moderator: **Rebecca Durcan**, Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc (*Toronto, ON*)

Speakers: **Irwin Fefergad**, Registrar, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (*Toronto, ON*)
Gillian Hadfield, Professor of Law and Professor of Strategic Management, University of Toronto (*Toronto, ON*)
Jacqueline Mullenger, Director, Education & Credentials, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society (*Halifax, NS*)

10:30 – 10:45 HEALTH BREAK

10:45 – 12:15 CURRENT ISSUES IN JUDICIAL ETHICS

In recent years increasing attention has been focused on judicial behaviour, both actual and aspirational. This three-part panel will engage with structural issues relating to the oversight of judges, proposed revisions to Ethical Principles for Judges, and law society conduct rules governing judges who return to the practice of law.

Moderator: **Amy Salyzyn**, Professor, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (*Ottawa, ON*)

Speakers: **Chief Justice Robert Bauman**, British Columbia Court of Appeal (*Vancouver, BC*)
Dean Adam Dodek, Dean, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (*Ottawa, ON*)
Jacqueline Horvat, Founding Partner, Spark LLP, Law Society of Ontario (*Toronto, ON*)
Stephen G.A. Pitel, Professor, Western University, Faculty of Law (*London, ON*)
Associate Chief Justice Deborah Smith, Nova Scotia Supreme Court (*Halifax, NS*)
Justice Lorne Sossin, Ontario Superior Court of Justice (*Toronto, ON*)

12:15 - 13:15 LUNCH WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Speaker: **Alison Manzer**, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP (*Toronto, ON*)



13:15– 14:45 ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN THE DRAGON’S DEN

Which access to justice initiatives hold the most potential for success? Where should we allocate scarce resources to promote greater access to justice? Coaching and mentoring for self-represented litigants? Increasing the range of legal services providers? Banning the billable hour? Imposing a levy on lawyers and law firms to fund access initiatives? Enhancing legal aid funding? Mandatory pro bono? Paving the way for innovation in the delivery of legal services?

In this session prospective access "entrepreneurs" will pitch the initiatives they think will make a real difference on the access to justice front. Once the pitches are over and the investment decisions have been made, the Dragons will lead an examination of the potential benefits and pitfalls of the different initiatives.

Dragons: **Peter Aprile**, Counter Tax Lawyers (*Toronto, ON*)
Gillian Hadfield, Professor of Law and Professor of Strategic Management, University of Toronto (*Toronto, ON*)

Pitchers: **Lisa Eisen**, Family Law: A La Carte (*Toronto, ON*)
Lena Koke, Axess Law (*Toronto, ON*)
Hilary Linton, Riverdale Mediation & mediate393/311/47 (*Toronto, ON*)
Brooke MacKenzie, MacKenzie Barristers Professional Corporation (*Toronto, ON*)
Darcia Senft, Law Society of Manitoba (*Winnipeg, MB*)
David Swayze, Meighen Haddad LLP (*Brandon, MB*)

14:45 – 15:00 HEALTH BREAK

15:00 – 16:30 UNREPRESENTED/SELF-REPRESENTED PARTIES: What should the Lawyers’ Obligations be?

Our adversarial legal system is structured around the premise that all parties will be represented by professional advocates. But, in reality, many parties who are faced with legal issues are un-represented or self-represented, either by necessity or choice. What does this mean for lawyers who find themselves representing a client? How should lawyers conduct themselves in these situations? What are the most common complaints against lawyers in matters involving self-represented litigants? Are new and different rules of conduct necessary? This panel will tackle these and other questions in an informal Q&A format.

Moderator: **Malcolm Mercer**, Treasurer, Law Society of Ontario (*Toronto, ON*)

Speakers: **Taryn McCormick**, Law Society of Ontario, Senior Counsel, Professional Regulation (*Toronto, ON*)
Andrew Pilliar, Professor, Thompson Rivers University (*Kamloops, BC*)
Amy Salyzyn, Professor, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (*Ottawa, ON*)

16:30 – 16:35 CLOSING REMARKS

