

CBA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FOR PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

BUILDING THRIVING COMMUNITIES | Presented by the CBA National Women Lawyers Forum

OCTOBER 18-19, 2019 | HALIFAX MARRIOTT HARBOURFRONT HOTEL, HALIFAX, NS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:15 – 7:15 **MORNING YOGA**

Join Tori Jarvis Grant of On the Mat Yoga for a morning Flow yoga session. All levels are welcome. Mats will be provided by On the Mat Yoga. Pre-registration is requested.

7:30 – 16:00 **REGISTRATION**

7:30 – 8:30 **NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

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8:15 – 8:30 **OPENING REMARKS**

8:30 – 10:15 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:**

ELEANOR BEATON, *Internationally-recognized expert in women's leadership*

10:15 – 10:25 **Refreshment Break**

10:25 – 10:45 **Travel to Halifax Convention Centre**

Walking maps will be available at Registration, and taxis will be available from the hotel main entrance.

10:45 - 12:15 **NAVIGATING THE CORPORATE SPACE AS WOMEN OF COLOUR, INTERSECTIONALITY BETWEEN GENDER AND RACE** | Halifax Convention Centre, 1650 Argyle St

Collaborative panel with the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, Dalhousie University and the CBA National Women Lawyers Forum

Moderator: Kim Brooks, Dalhousie University (Halifax, NS)

Speakers: Vivene Salmon, Incoming President – CBA (Toronto, ON)
Candace Thomas, Q.C., Stewart McKelvey (Halifax, NS)

12:15 – 12:30 **Return to Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel**

12:30 – 13:45 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

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13:45 – 15:15 **Concurrent Sessions:**

CARING FOR OURSELVES & OUR COMMUNITIES

Before “self-care” was an Instagram hashtag, Audre Lorde referred to it as a form of political action. This panel features two leading voices in feminist activism in Nova Scotia (and beyond) who live out that calling. They will talk about strategies for keeping up your energy and caring for yourself so you can best serve your communities.

Speakers: **El Jones**, Journalist & Activist
Martha Paynter, RN, IWK Health Centre

13:45 – 15:15 **Concurrent Sessions:**

PUBLIC SPEAKING & COMMUNICATIONS

Hear community leaders share their experiences, best practices and even pitfalls. This session will look at how two professional women have utilized their experience in dealing with several positive and challenging situations throughout their careers. They will share how, in their perspective, their backgrounds have led them to this point in their careers. This session will be relevant for all and will be useful regardless of role, industry or requirement.

Speakers: **Naomi Metallic**, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University
Neera Ritcey, Halifax Regional Police

15:15 – 15:30 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

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15:30 – 17:00 **EARLY RISERS: YOUNG LEADERS PANEL**

Building on the theme of empowering women professionals, you will be inspired by these stories as our panelists talk about where they took advantage of non-traditional opportunities, been involved in their community and have become exemplary leaders. This session will highlight community leadership, professionalism and personal stories of professional women.

Speakers: **Justine Colley-Leger**, East Preston Family Resource Center
Olga Young, Jazz Aviation

17:00 – 19:00 **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:15 – 7:15 **MORNING RUN**

Join Conference Chair, Heidi Schedler, for a slow 5-7km jog along the Halifax Waterfront. Runners will be leaving from the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel lobby at 6:15am sharp. Pre-registration is requested.

7:30 – 15:00 **REGISTRATION**

7:30 – 8:30 **NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

8:30 – 10:15 **WOMEN LEADERS IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES**

Throughout this session the speakers will share the stories of the significant issues their communities have faced and the strides that they have made.

Speakers: **The Hon. Laurel Halfpenny-MacQuarrie**, Nova Scotia Provincial Court
Cheryl Simon, Indigenous Governance Lawyer, Abegweit First Nation Member

10:15 – 10:45 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

10:45 – 12:15 **Concurrent Sessions:**

ENTREPRENEURSHIP 101: TIPS FROM WOMEN WHO MADE IT HAPPEN

This session will dive into how to overcome the challenges of starting and operating a successful business. Come and learn from the first-hand knowledge of true industry leaders.

Speakers: **Lisa Drader-Murphy**, Lisa Drader-Murphy
Myrna L. Gillis, Q.C., Aqualitas

WOMEN IN POLITICS: THE VIEW FROM ALL ANGLES

One of the ways in which women can make a significant difference in our society is through politics. In this session you will hear three successful women talk about how they became involved in the political process, what it is like from the inside and the various ways in which you can become involved; being a candidate is just one. Kim Poffenroth occupies the non-partisan position of Chief Electoral Officer for New Brunswick and will discuss general mechanics of how elections are run, with observations on innovative ways to involve more women. Tara Miller, Q.C. will speak from the perspective of being a former party President and how parties generally operate. Finally, Claudia Chender, an MLA in Nova Scotia, will speak from her perspective of entering politics, running a campaign and being an elected representative of the people.

Speakers: **Claudia Chender**, Nova Scotia Legislature
Tara Miller, Q.C., The Nova Scotia PC Party
Kimberly Poffenroth, Elections New Brunswick

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12:30 – 14:00 **CECILIA I. JOHNSTONE AWARD LUNCHEON**

Join us in congratulating the achievements of the 2019 Cecilia I. Johnstone Award recipient, Ms. Daphne E. Dumont, Q.C., former CBA National President and devoted member of the legal community.

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14:15 – 16:00 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: ROBYN DOOLITTLE, Author and Investigative Reporter**

HAD IT COMING: WHAT'S FAIR IN THE AGE OF #METOO?

16:00 – 16:15 **CLOSING REMARKS**

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