

Anatomy of a Trial: Taking the Plunge into a Jury Trial



In-Person



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Date: Thursday, May 28 – Friday, May 29, 2026

Location: OBA Conference Centre
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DAY 1: Thursday, May 28, 2026

8:30am **Opening Remarks**

8:35am **WHAT SEPARATES GOOD LAWYERS FROM GREAT TRIAL TEAMS THE CULTURE THAT TURNS LEGAL TALENT INTO TEAM PERFORMANCE**
Charlene Theodore, Theodore Advisory Partners

9:05am **PRE-TRIAL INSURANCE ISSUE**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Mark L. Edwards, Superior Court of Justice
Demonstrators:
Thomas J. Donnelly, Thomas Gold Pettingill LLP
Anthony Gatensby, Blaney McMurtry LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
Sandi Smith, Marta Wilson LLP

9:35am **OPENING STATEMENTS**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Mark L. Edwards, Superior Court of Justice
Demonstrator: Opening Statement of the Plaintiff
Jaqueline King, Levitt LLP
Demonstrator: Opening Statement of the Defendant Occupier
Jim Davidson, Davidson Cahill Morrison LLP
Demonstrator: Opening Statement of the Defendant Tavern
Chet Wydrzynski, DWF LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
D. Keith Smockum, Smockum Zarnett LLP

10:30am **Networking Break**

10:45am **PLAINTIFF LIABILITY WITNESS (Lay Witness)**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Jamie K. Trimble, Superior Court of Justice
Witness:
Maddison Wilson, Oatley Vigmond LLP
Demonstrator: Direct Examination
Lara Fitzgerald Husek, Oatley Vigmond LLP
Demonstrator: Cross-Examination
Barry Cox, Boghosian + Allen LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
Robin Moodie, Moodie Mair Walker

11:25am **TESTIMONY OF THE PLAINTIFF**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Jamie K. Trimble, Superior Court of Justice
Witness:
Gus D'Amico, Oatley Vigmond LLP
Demonstrator: Direct Examination
Barbara Legate, Legate Injury Lawyers
Demonstrator: Cross-Examination
David Zuber, Zuber & Company LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
Ian Mair, Moodie Mair Walker

12:05pm **Networking Lunch**

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- 1:05pm **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: A Life in Law**
Alfred Kwinter, Singer Kwinter
- 1:45pm **EXAMINATION OF TOXICOLOGY EXPERTS**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Ria Tzimas, Regional Senior Judge for the Central West Region, Superior Court of Justice
Witnesses:
Plaintiff's Expert: **Dr. Karen Woodall**, Forensic Toxicologist
Defendant's Expert: **James Wigmore**, Forensic Toxicologist
Demonstrator: Plaintiff's Counsel
Robert Bell, Lerner LLP
Demonstrator: Defendant's Counsel
Karim N. Hirani, Zuber & Company LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
Geoff Adair, Adair Litigation
- 2:35pm **Networking Break**
- 2:50pm **EXAMINATION OF SMART SERVE EXPERT**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Ria Tzimas, Regional Senior Judge for the Central West Region, Superior Court of Justice
Witness:
Christine Fotopoulos, Global Resolutions Inc
Demonstrator: Direct Examination
Brenda Hollingsworth, Auger Hollingsworth Accident & Injury Lawyers
Demonstrator: Cross-Examination
David Zarek, Zarek Taylor Grossman Hanrahan LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
Frank Benedetto, Flaherty McCarthy LLP
- 3:30pm **MOTION TO LIMIT SCOPE OF PLAINTIFF'S EXPERT EVIDENCE**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Phillip Sutherland, Superior Court of Justice
Demonstrators:
Jean-Claude Rioux, Flaherty McCarthy LLP
Rasha El-Tawil, Siskinds LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
Meghan Hull Jacquin, Howie, Sacks & Henry LLP
- 4:00pm **EVIDENCE OF PLAINTIFF BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEER**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Phillip Sutherland, Superior Court of Justice
Witness:
Dr. Benjamin Elkin, MEA Forensic
Demonstrator: Direct Examination
Peter Cho, Smiuch Injury Law
Demonstrator: Cross-Examination
Richard Bogoroch, Bogoroch & Associates LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
Sudevi Mukherjee-Gothi, Pallett Valo LLP
- 4:50 pm Questions and Day 1 Concluding Remarks
- 5:00 pm **Networking Reception**

DAY 2: Friday, May 29, 2026

- 8:30am **Opening Remarks**
- 8:35am **TO STAY OR NOT TO STAY – THAT IS THE QUESTION**
The Honourable Darla A. Wilson, Court of Appeal for Ontario
- 9:00am **EVIDENCE OF PLAINTIFF HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEER**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Stephen E. Firestone, Regional Senior Judge for the Toronto Region, Superior Court of Justice
Witness:
Pamela Daddario, MEA Forensic
Demonstrator: Direct Examination
Jim Virtue, Siskinds LLP
Demonstrator: Cross-Examination
William Jesseau, Smockum Zarnett LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
Moya Graham, McCarthy Tétrault LLP
- 9:40am **EVIDENCE OF THE DEFENDANT BARTENDER**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Stephen E. Firestone, Regional Senior Judge for the Toronto Region, Superior Court of Justice
Witness:
Amy Moodie, Law Student, Osgoode Hall Law School
Demonstrator: Direct Examination
Darren Delaney, Benson Percival
Demonstrator: Cross-Examination
Deanna Gilbert, Thomson Rogers LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
Melissa Miller, Howie, Sacks & Henry LLP
- 10:20am **Networking Break**
- 10:35am **EVIDENCE OF THE DEFENDANT OCCUPIER**
Presiding Judge:
The Honourable Markus Koehnen, Superior Court of Justice
Witness:
Ivan Luxenberg, Malach Fidler Sugar + Luxenberg LLP
Demonstrator: Direct Examination
Robert Traves, Traves Mediation & Arbitration Services Inc. and Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
Demonstrator: Cross-Examination
Shanti Barclay, Zarek Taylor Grossman Hanrahan LLP
Debrief/Commentary:
Zain Naqi, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb



11:05am **EVIDENCE OF DEFENDANT ENGINEER**

Presiding Judge:

The Honourable Markus Koehnen, Superior Court of Justice

Witness:

Craig Wilkinson, MEA Forensic

Demonstrator: Direct Examination

Charles Painter, Dolden Wallace Folick LLP

Demonstrator: Cross-Examination

M. Steven Rastin, Gluckstein LLP

Debrief/Commentary:

Linda Matthews, Matthews Abogado LLP

11:45am **Networking Break**

12:00pm **CLOSING STATEMENTS**

Presiding Judge:

The Honourable Audrey P. Ramsay, Superior Court of Justice

Demonstrator: Closing Statement of Defendant Occupier

Ian Kirby, Beard Winter LLP

Demonstrator: Closing Statement of Defendant Tavern

John Olah, Beard Winter LLP

Demonstrator: Closing Statement of Plaintiff

Brian Cameron, Oatley Vigmond LLP

Debrief/Commentary:

Sarit Batner, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

12:55pm **ISSUE DURING JURY DELIBERATION**

Presiding Judge:

The Honourable Audrey P. Ramsay, Superior Court of Justice

Demonstrators:

Ryan Breedon, Breedon Mor LLP

Stephen G. Ross, Rogers Partners LLP

Debrief/Commentary:

Sarit Batner, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

1:15pm **PULLING BACK THE CURTAIN ON AI ADVOCACY**

Jonathan Chen, Lenczner Slaght LLP

Charles Gluckstein, Gluckstein LLP

John Olah, Beard Winter LLP

1:50 pm **Polling the Jurors**

1:55 pm **Program Concludes**



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