

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



In-Person



Live Online

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026 | 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, May 29, 2026 | 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chairs: **Brian Bangay**, Desjardins General Insurance Group Inc.
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This program contains 12h 30m Substantive Hours**.

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Anatomy of a Trial is back by popular demand! Join our stellar faculty of Superior Court judges and experienced advocates as they engage in live demonstrations and a comprehensive examination of the best techniques for conducting a trial. Lawyers of all levels, from the new litigator to the seasoned veteran, will benefit from this practical and insightful program.

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DAY 1: MAY 28, 2026

8:00 am Registration Opens

8:30 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:35am **EDI Panel**

9:05am **Pre-Trial Insurance Issue**

- Demonstration
- Debrief/Commentary

9:35am **Opening Statements**

- Demonstrations:
 - Opening Statement of Plaintiff
 - Opening Statement of Defendant Occupier
 - Opening Statement of Defendant Tavern
- Debrief/Commentary

10:30 am Networking Break

10:45am **Plaintiff Liability Witness**

- Demonstrations:
 - Examination of Plaintiff Lay Witness
 - Cross-Examination of Plaintiff Lay Witness
- Debrief/Commentary

11:20am **Testimony of Plaintiff**

- Demonstrations:
 - Examination of Plaintiff
 - Cross-Examination of Plaintiff
- Debrief/Commentary

12:00 pm Networking Lunch

1:00pm **Keynote Address**

1:40pm **Examination of Toxicology Experts**

- Demonstrations:
 - Examination of the Plaintiff Toxicologist
 - Cross-Examination of the Plaintiff Toxicologist
 - Examination of the Defendant Toxicologist
 - Cross-Examination of the Defendant Toxicologist
- Debrief/Commentary

2:30 pm Networking Break

2:45pm **Examination of Smart Serve Expert**

- Demonstrations:
 - Examination of the Smart Serve Expert
 - Cross-Examination of the Smart Serve Expert
- Debrief/Commentary

3:25pm **Motion to Limit Scope of Plaintiff's Expert Evidence**

- Demonstration
- Debrief/Commentary

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3:55pm Evidence of Plaintiff Biomechanical Engineer

- Examination of the Biomechanical Engineer
- Cross-Examination of the Biomechanical Engineer
- Debrief/Commentary:

1:00pm **AI Panel**

1:25pm **Polling the Jurors**

4:45 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

1:30pm Program Concludes

4:55pm Day 1 Concludes

5:00pm Networking Reception

DAY 2: MAY 29, 2026

8:30 am Welcome back

8:35am **Panel Discussion: Topic TBA**

9:00am Evidence of Plaintiff Human Factors Engineer

- Demonstration:
 - Examination of the Human Factor Engineer
 - Cross-Examination of the Human Factor Engineer
- Debrief/Commentary

9:40am Evidence of Defendant Bartender

- Demonstration:
 - Examination of the Defendant Bartender
 - Cross-Examination of the Defendant Bartender
- Debrief/Commentary

10:20am Networking Break

10:35am Evidence of Defendant Occupier

- Demonstration:
 - Examination of the Defendant Occupier
 - Cross-Examination of the Defendant Occupier
- Debrief/Commentary

11:05am Evidence of Defendant Engineer

- Demonstration:
 - Examination of the Defence Expert
 - Cross-Examination of the Defence Expert
- Debrief/Commentary

11:45am Closing Statements

- Demonstrations:
 - Closing Statement of Defendant Occupier
 - Closing Statement of Defendant Tavern
 - Closing Statement of Plaintiff
- Debrief/Commentary

12:40pm Issue During Jury Deliberation

- Demonstration
- Debrief/Commentary

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