

25th Annual Charter Conference

Constitutional, Civil Liberties and Human Rights Law



Live In-person



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Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2026 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

Agenda: 8:30 am Registration
9:00 am Program Commences
3:00 pm Program Concludes



This program contains:
4h 30m of Substantive content

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Join leading constitutional scholars and practitioners for an in-depth review of the latest developments in *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* law and practice. Hear from our expert faculty as they address recent Supreme Court of Canada jurisprudence, upcoming cases, and developing trends. If you deal with *Charter* issues in your practice, you don't want to miss this essential annual event.

Program Chair: Nicole Biros-Bolton, Bird Bolt Law

9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	1:30 pm	Section 6 and Charter Interpretation: <i>Taylor v. Newfoundland and Labrador</i> Paul Pape , Pape Chaudhury LLP Don Anthony , KC, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice and Public Safety, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Jessica L. Kuredjian , Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
9:05 am	What's New in Charter Litigation? Cara Zwibel , Constitutional Law Branch, Ministry of the Attorney General Critical case law and legislative updates you need to know		
9:35 am	Charter Remedies Update Paul Champ , Champ & Associates - Key decisions on granting remedies under section 24(1) you need to know - When can be there a combination of remedies under section 24(1) and section 52(1)		- What is the scope of mobility rights under the <i>Charter</i>? - How will future interprovincial travel restrictions be impacted by <i>Taylor</i>? - Critical differences between <i>Charter</i> interpretation and statutory interpretation
10:10 am	Criminal Electronic Evidence Kate Robertson , Markson Law - Search and seizure issues for mobile "SMS blasters" - Challenges for cellphone searches and digital privacy - Law enforcement's use of spyware technology	2:10 pm	Views from the Bench: Effective Charter Advocacy Nicole Biros-Bolton , Bird Bolt Law (moderator) The Honourable Justice Edward M. Morgan , Superior Court of Justice The Honourable Justice Sandra Y. Nishikawa , Superior Court of Justice - How are <i>Charter</i> cases litigated differently? - Dos and don'ts of effective written advocacy - Top tips for persuasive oral arguments - Best practices for navigating online proceedings
10:45 am	Networking Break	2:55 pm	Concluding Remarks
11:00 am	Section 7 and Section 15: Building the Evidentiary Record Karine Bédard , Sotos LLP (moderator) Martha Jackman , University of Ottawa Faculty of Law Sujit Choudhry , Circle Barristers Ashely Schuitema , Waterloo Region Community Legal Services Andrea Bolieiro , Constitutional Law Branch, Ministry of the Attorney General - Establishing new or emerging analogous grounds in section 15 claims - Effectively using social science, statistical, historical, and expert evidence in section 7 claims - Guidance from key cases including, <i>The Regional Municipality of Waterloo v. Named Respondents and Persons Unknown</i>, <i>Ahluwalia v. Ahluwalia</i>, and <i>Quebec (Attorney General) v. Kanyinda</i>	3:00 pm	Program Concludes
12:00 pm	Lunch and Award Presentation		

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