

Ontario Legal Conference and Retreat 2026

Ontario Bar Association



In person

Date: October 2-4, 2026

Location: Casino Rama Resort
5899 Rama Road
Rama, ON L3V 6H6

This October, grow your referral network, take part in expert-led PD sessions, and enjoy the natural beauty of Ontario’s Lake Country and the excitement of the Casino Rama Resort at the OBA’s fifth annual Ontario Legal Conference & Retreat.

With top-notch professional development, specifically tailored to solicitors in solo and small firm practices, you’ll be sure to walk away with practical insights and valuable advice to implement in your practice.

Bring your family or friends and get away for a weekend of networking, learning and play!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

- 7:00pm

Welcome Dinner* **[CEDAR RESTAURANT]**
- 9:00pm

Post-Dinner Reception – Casual Drinks & Mingling
[WENDAT ROOM]
- 11:50am

Changes to the Easements Landscape
Sarah Turney, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP
Get up to speed on the latest law of easements.
- 12:20pm

Lunch **[RAMA HALL]**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

- 7:00am – 8:45am

Breakfast Buffet **[RAMA HALL]**
[SILVERNIGHTINGALE A&B]
- 9:00am

Welcome, Mandate & Introduction of Guests
Mariam Moktar, OBA President
- 9:15am

Welcome to the Central East Region from the Regional Senior Justice
The Honourable Justice Howard Leibovich, Superior Court of Justice - Central East Region
- 9:25am

Update from the Attorney General of Ontario
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
- 9:35am

Update from the Ontario Court of Appeal
The Honourable Justice Michael Tulloch, Chief Justice of Ontario
- 9:45am

Update from The Ontario Court of Justice
The Honourable Justice Sharon Nicklas, Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice
- 9:55am

OBA Top Ten
- 10:10am

Prediction Markets and Other Quasi-Gaming Schemes
Local Legal Issue Spotlight
Kevin Weber, Dickinson Wright LLP
- 10:40am

Technology Test Drive: RHETORICH AI
André Chaker, Founder and CEO, Rhetorich.ai
See how Rhetorich can help you communicate more effectively, in client meetings, the boardroom or the courtroom.
- 10:50am

Networking Break **[RAMA HALL]**
- 11:20am

Enforceability of Exculpatory Clauses in Purchase and Sale Agreements **[ANISHNAABE A]**
Harry Herskowitz, DelZotto, Zorzi LLP
Unpack the Court of Appeal’s *Shiralian* decision and what it means for your clients going forward.
- 1:30pm

Will Drafting Challenges
Clarke Melville, Sorbara Law
Gather helpful insights on tackling tricky will drafting challenges and how to avoid the pitfalls.
- 2:00pm

What Every Lawyer Needs to Know about Financial Issues in Family Law
Phaedra Klodner, Phaedra Klodner Professional Corporation
Understand family law financial obligations and issues that may arise for your clients.
- 2:30 pm

HST Rebates on New Home
Maurizio Romanin, LawyerDoneDeal
Make sense of the various layers of new home rebates.
- 3:00pm

Afternoon Activities
- 7:00pm

Gala Reception **[RAMA HALL]**
- 7:30pm

President’s Dinner **[SILVERNIGHTINGALE A&B]**
- 9:30pm

Late Night Activities: Karaoke Lounge and Chill Zone
[ANISHNAABE B]
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
- 7:30am – 9:00am

Early Riser Rama Walking Trail
[ANISANAABE A]
- 8:00am

SPECIAL EVENT: Breakfast Session with Premier Event Sponsor LawyerDoneDeal - Getting E-Signatures Right
Maurizio Romanin, Barrister and Solicitor, and President, LawyerDoneDeal Corp.
- 9:00 am

Recent Developments at the Ontario Land Tribunal
Sharyn Vincent, Vice Chair, Ontario Land Tribunal
Get up to speed on key cases and other developments at the Ontario Land Tribunal.

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- 9:30 am

Money Movement and Safe Funds Transfer

Ray Leclair, LAWPRO

Understand the risks when money is transferred or deposited, and learn best practices to ensure your clients’ money is safely received or transferred.
- 10:00 am

Indigenous Land Claims Over Private Lands

Bob Aaron, Aaron & Aaron Barristers & Solicitors

Explore developments in British Columbia and New Brunswick cases, including the impact of the Supreme Court’s refusal to hear the appeal in the *Wolastoqey* case.
- 10:40am

Brunch

RAMA HALL
- SILVERNIGHTINGALE A&B
- 11:40am

Effectively Representing Indigenous Clients

Dianne Corbiere, NNC Firm

- Basics on Indigenous laws
 - How you can enhance your cultural competency to better serve Indigenous clients
 - Why Indigenous cultural competency matters regardless of your practice area
- 12:50pm

How Not to Get Replaced by AI

Moderator: Paul Lomic, Lomic Law and OBA Chair of PD

Professor Abdi Aidid, University of Toronto

Ashley Butts, Head of Corporate & Commercial Law, BDO

Doug Higgins, Hull & Hull LLP and CNSL.ai
- 1:50 pm

Concluding Remarks

Mariam Moktar, OBA President
- 2:00pm

Conference Concludes

*Additional fee

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