

## 24th Annual Charter Conference

*Constitutional, Civil Liberties and Human Rights Law*



Live In-person



Live Online

**Date:** Wednesday, October 08, 2025 | 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

**Agenda:** 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Registration  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Program  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Award Presentation and Reception

**Program Chairs:** **Teagan Markin**, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP  
**Nicole Biros-Bolton**, Bird Bolt Law



This program contains:  
**4h 0m of Substantive content**  
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Back for its 24<sup>th</sup> year, the Annual *Charter* Conference brings together 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 event.

1:00 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks	4:15 pm	<b>Constitutional Implications of Bill C-5 and Bill 5</b> <b>Sara Mainville</b> , JFK Law LLP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Expert insights on the recent use and constitutionality of Henry VIII clauses</li><li>Key issues to consider for the Crown’s constitutional duty to consult and accommodate Indigenous peoples potentially affected by a “national interest project”</li></ul>
1:05 pm	<b>Charter Litigation and Legislative Update</b> <b>Cee Strauss</b> , Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Critical case law and legislative updates you need to know from the past year</li></ul>	4:50 pm	Questions and Concluding Remarks
1:35 pm	<b>Recent Insights on Freedom of Assembly</b> <b>Jamie Cameron</b> , Osgoode Hall Law School <b>Daniel Goudge</b> , Stockwoods LLP Barristers <b>Cory Lynch</b> , Deputy Director, Legal Service, City of Toronto <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ontario Court of Appeal’s decision in <i>Hillier v. Ontario</i></li><li>Differentiating freedom of assembly from other section 2 freedoms</li></ul>	5:00 pm	Program Concludes with an Award Presentation & Reception
2:20 pm	<b>Charter Issues in Administrative Law Procedure</b> <b>Sujit Choudhry</b> , Circle Barristers <b>Elena Mamay</b> , Mann Lawyers LLP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Strategies to effectively raise a constitutional question before an administrative tribunal</li><li>Critical insights on the limits on administrative bodies in the interpretation of the <i>Charter</i></li></ul>		
3:00 pm	Networking Break		
3:15 pm	<b>Update on Federal Border and Criminal Law Issues</b> <b>Cheryl Milne</b> , Executive Director, David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights, University of Toronto <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implications on Bill C-2 on refugee protections and Section 7 of the <i>Charter</i></li><li>Expert insights on the constitutionality of the <i>Safe Third Country Agreement</i></li></ul>		
3:45 pm	<b>A Charter Analysis of Bail Reform</b> <b>Jeffrey Manishen</b> , Ross & McBride LLP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Balancing federal bail reforms with section 11(e) of the <i>Charter</i></li></ul>		