

## Persuasive Legal Writing

### Civil Litigation



In person



Webcast

**Date:** Thursday, May 22, 2025 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
**Location:** OBA Conference Centre 20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto  
**Agenda:** 8:30 am Registration  
 9:00 am Program Commences  
 12:00 pm Program Concludes  
 12:00 pm Networking Lunch will Follow



This program contains:  
**2h 30m of Substantive content**  
**0hr 30m of Professionalism content**

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Writing strategically is as important as oral advocacy. It is part of the foundation of solving and winning legal disputes, and a technique that is used daily. All lawyers, new and seasoned, need to be continuously sharpening their drafting skills. Time is always of the essence in the legal world and the better skilled you are at writing legal documents, the quicker this task will be, making you a more effective and efficient lawyer. Our stellar faculty will help you hone your writing skills and move beyond boilerplate precedents. Gain insight on what the Court expects, what works and what doesn't, and get expert guidance on how to write and win in a practical, strategic, and focused way. Join us for this essential program to help you build your litigation tool kit

**Program Chairs:** **David Milosevic**, Milosevic & Associates  
**Helen Richards**, Ross Nasserri LLP

9:00 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

9:05 am **Point of View from the Bench**

**Justice Lee Akazaki**, Superior Court of Justice

- Identify and write for your audience
- Think about your writing from the Judge's perspective

9:35 am **Writing Effective Overviews & Conclusions**

**Dorothy Charach**, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

- How to draft an effective overview
- The importance of being clear and concise
- Creating a roadmap and theory that weaves throughout

9:55 am **Use of Artificial Intelligence in Writing: What You Need to Know**

- How AI tools can transform the legal writing process
- Risk management and pitfalls to avoid

10:15 am **Health Break**

10:30 am **Strategies for Persuasive Fact Writing**

**Craig Aitken**, Milosevic & Associates

- Determining the facts that matter and how they should be presented
- How to present the facts in a persuasive and fair manner
- Mastering logic and structure

11:00 am **Crafting a Persuasive Argument**

**Brittany Rabinovitch**, Babin Bessner Spry LLP

- Determining the best approach for persuasively presenting your arguments
- How to use the facts and law, and structure your argument section

11:30 am **Drafting Compelling Pleadings**

**Adriana Forest**, Ross Nasserri LLP

- How the purpose of pleadings impacts writing
- The most effective writing strategies for your case

12:00 pm **Concluding Remarks**

12:00 pm Networking Lunch will follow

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