

Thunder Bay Law Association
Fall 2020 CLE Advocacy Program
Thursday, October 29, 2020
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

TIME	PRESENTATION	COMMENTS
9:00 - 9:30	<p>Mr. Justice David Brown</p> <p>Lecture style presentation</p>	<p>Brown J. will be looking at the changes we have gone through over the last six months in response to the pandemic, and provide his thoughts on whether we have made any or enough changes to make the litigation system in which we work more responsive to the clients we serve as well a society.</p> <p>SJW will introduce Mr. Justice Brown and then thank him for his contribution at the end of his presentation.</p>
9:30 - 10:20	<p>Judges' Panel Presentation</p> <p>Judges: Madam Justice Warkentin RSJ Madam Justice Nieckarz Madam Justice McKinnon Madam Justice Burton</p> <p>Moderators: Robin Clinker Margaret Waddington Neil McCartney</p>	<p>This panel presentation will provide a sense of how the courts have adapted to the pandemic, what the judges are experiencing, and what they are expecting from us as lawyers. As well, sharing their experiences with what is working and what is not working will illustrate/reinforce good/bad advocacy practices.</p> <p>Robin Clinker will begin the session with a discussion on Caselines with Warkentin RSJ (what it is and how it works), including its anticipated roll out within the SCJ system.</p> <p>Margaret will get the Family Law perspective from both Nieckarz J. and McKinnon J., including their own experiences with virtual courts.</p> <p>Neil will follow up at the end of the session with Burton J., her views on how things are going within the OCJ criminal courts.</p>
10:20 - 10:30	COFFEE BREAK	

<p>10:30 - 11:30</p>	<p>Virtual Civil Litigation: Tips, Tricks and Practical Insights OBA Presentation</p> <p>Presenters: Jon Clancy Kate Manning</p> <p>Moderator: Katy Commisso</p>	<p>Digital Documents and E-Filing (Jon, 30 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creating documents • scanning and attaching exhibits, converting exhibits to PDFs, labelling exhibits during a hearing for the record, hyperlinking exhibits to an affidavit • converting factums into searchable PDFs, hyperlinking cases to a factum, emailing factum to the court • swearing affidavits electronically • electronic signing of documents • file sizes and how to reduce file to fit certain MB limits • how to use Drop Box or other cloud storage programs • online filing <p>Zoom (Jon, 10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • muting, unmuting, running Zoom tests ahead of time, being on camera (lighting, angle, virtual backgrounds), trouble shooting, private client communications <p>Virtual Advocacy (Kate, 20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • virtual hearings • COVID-19 case law • tips and tricks
<p>11:30 - 12:30</p>	<p>Panel Presentation Perspectives from Advocates</p> <p>Lawyers: George Joseph, Petrone's Brendan Morrison, Lenczner's Michael Zalev, Epstein Cole</p> <p>Moderator: Stephen Wojciechowski</p>	<p>Various lawyers from various practice areas will sit on a panel to provide tips and discuss their experiences as advocates within the virtual world of litigation.</p>