

The Eight-Minute Criminal Court Judge 2025



Co-Chairs: **The Honourable Justice Steve Coroza**
Court of Appeal for Ontario

The Honourable Bruce Durno
Superior Court of Justice (Retired)

January 25, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Total CPD Hours = 2 h 15 m Substantive + 1 h 20 m Professionalism^P
+ 25 m EDI Professionalism^E**

**Donald Lamont Learning Centre
Law Society of Ontario
130 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON**

SKU CLE25-00105

Agenda

9:00 a.m. – 9:01 a.m.

Welcome

*The Honourable Justice Steve Coroza
Court of Appeal for Ontario*

The Honourable Bruce Durno
Superior Court of Justice (Retired)

9:01 a.m. – 9:09 a.m.

Spontaneous Utterances

The Honourable David Watt K.C., Jurist in Residence
Greenspan Humphrey Makepeace LLP

9:09 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Speaker and Topic Introduction

9:10 a.m. – 9:18 a.m.

***R. v. Edgar* Issues**

The Honourable Justice Michelle Fuerst
Superior Court of Justice

9:18 a.m. – 9:19 a.m.

Speaker and Topic Introduction

9:19 a.m. – 9:27 a.m.

Admissibility of Confessions/ Statements Against Interest

The Honourable Justice Rita Maxwell
Superior Court of Justice

9:27 a.m. – 9:28 a.m.

Speaker and Topic Introduction

9:28 a.m. – 9:36 a.m.

Common Advocacy Mistakes ^P

The Honourable Justice Nancy Dennison
Superior Court of Justice

9:36 a.m. – 9:37 a.m.

Speaker and Topic Introduction

9:37 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Effective Oral Advocacy ^P

The Honourable Justice Ian Smith
Superior Court of Justice

9:45 a.m. – 9:46 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
9:46 a.m. – 9:54 a.m.	Helping the New Judge ^P The Honourable Justice Laura Bird <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
9:54 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
9:55 a.m. – 10:03 a.m.	<i>Morris</i> Sentencing Issues ^e The Honourable Associate Chief Justice Michal Fairburn <i>Court of Appeal for Ontario</i>
10:03 a.m. – 10:04 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
10:04 a.m. – 10:12 a.m.	Effective Sentencing Submissions ^P The Honourable Justice Philip Downes <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i>
10:12 a.m. – 10:13 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
10:13 a.m. – 10:21 a.m.	<i>Gladue</i> Sentencing Issues ^e The Honourable Justice Jonathon George <i>Court of Appeal for Ontario</i>
10:21 a.m. – 10:22 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
10:22 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Preparing for and Conducting Effective Pre-Trial Conferences ^P The Honourable Justice James Stribopoulos <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>

10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Question and Answer Period
10:35 a.m. – 10:43 a.m.	Effective Use of <i>Amicus</i> P
	The Honourable Justice Jennifer Woollcombe <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
10:43 a.m. – 10:44 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
10:44 a.m. – 10:52 a.m.	Detention Reviews
	The Honourable Justice David E. Harris <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
10:52 a.m. – 11:12 a.m.	Break
11:12 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Prior Consistent Statements
	The Honourable Justice Jill Copeland <i>Court of Appeal for Ontario</i>
11:20 a.m. – 11:21 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
11:21 a.m. – 11:29 a.m.	Dealing With an Interventionist Judge P
	The Honourable Justice Joseph Di Luca <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
11:29 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
11:30 a.m. – 11:38 a.m.	The Role of Case Management Judges P
	The Honourable Justice Michael Code <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>

11:38 a.m. – 11:39 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
11:39 a.m. – 11:47 a.m.	Opening and Closing in Non-Jury Trials ^P The Honourable Justice Allison Dellandrea <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i>
11:47 a.m. – 11:48 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
11:48 a.m. – 11:56 a.m.	Consent and Mistaken Belief in Communicated Consent The Honourable Justice Mara Greene <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i>
11:56 a.m. – 12:01 p.m.	Question and Answer Period
12:01 p.m. – 12:09 p.m.	Section 276 (Proximate Sexual Activity and Other Evidentiary Issues) The Honourable Justice Joe Fiorucci <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i>
12:09 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
12:10 p.m. – 12:18 p.m.	Charter S.24(2) Update The Honourable Justice Marcella Henschel <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i>
12:18 p.m. – 12:19 p.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
12:19 p.m. – 12:27 p.m.	Making and Responding to Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Allegations ^P The Honourable Gary Trotter, <i>Court of Appeal for Ontario</i>

12:27 p.m. – 12:28 p.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
12:28 p.m. – 12:36 p.m.	Effective Representation of Clients with Mental Health Issues 
	The Honourable Justice Kathryn Fillier <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i>
12:36 p.m. – 12:37 p.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
12:37 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Self-Defence
	The Honourable Justice Jonathan Dawe <i>Court of Appeal for Ontario</i>
12:45 p.m. – 12:46 p.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
12:46 p.m. – 12:54 p.m.	Cross Examination on Prior Inconsistent Statements
	The Honourable Justice Maureen Forestell <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
12:54 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Question and Answer Period
1:00 p.m.	Program Ends