

February 11, 2026

# 16<sup>th</sup> In-House Counsel Summit



CO-CHAIRS: **Arun Krishnamurti**, *Google Canada Corporation*  
**Sarah Mansour**, *Mazda Canada Inc.*

**February 19, 2026**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Total CPD Hours = 4 h 30 m Substantive + 1 h 40 m Professionalism <sup>P</sup>  
+ 30 m EDI Professionalism <sup>e</sup>**

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

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## **Agenda**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.**

**Welcome**

*Arun Krishnamurti, Google Canada Corporation*

*Sarah Mansour, Mazda Canada Inc.*

**9:05 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.**      **Overview and Review of the Changes to the *Competition Act***

Pei Li, *Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP*

Devin Persaud, *Miller Thomson LLP*

**9:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.**      **Advertising Law: What In House Counsel Needs to Know Now (10 m )**

George Ellinidis, Vice President and General Counsel, Canada & International, *Smucker Foods of Canada Corp.*

Julia Kappler, *Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP*

**10:05 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.**      **Driving Value as In-House Counsel**

Ratika Gandhi, Head of Legal and Compliance, LACAN (Canada and Latin America), *Alcon Canada Inc.*

Heather Mullen, Head of Legal & Corporate Secretary, *Kenvue Canada Inc.*

**10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**

**10:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.**      **Break**

**11:05 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.**      **Employment Law Hot Topics (15 m )**

Frank Cesario, *Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP*

Mark Crestohl, Employment & Corporate Counsel, *Home Depot of Canada Inc.*

- 11:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.**      **Real Estate Basics for In-House Counsel (20 m )**
- Saad Minhas, AGC, *Crusoe*
- Ardy Mohajer, *Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP*
- 12:05 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**      **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**      **Artificial Intelligence Governance: A Crash Course (30 m )**
- Kuljit Bhogal, Senior Counsel, Privacy and AI, *Walmart Canada Corp.*
- Robert Hester, AGC, *Anthropic Limited*
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**      **Crisis Management 101 and Handling the Board (10 m )**
- Christelle Gedeon, Chief Legal Officer, *Canopy Growth Corporation*
- Wendy Walberg, C.S., City Solicitor (Head of Legal Services Division), *City of Toronto*
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**
- 2:25 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**      **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**      **Litigation Management and Career Development (15 m )**
- Rishi Hargovan, *PayPal Canada*
- Curt Howard, *Google Canada Corporation*

**3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

**How to Maintain EDI Programs in Your Legal Office**  
(30 m )

Kyle Elliott, Counsel, Diversity and Inclusion, *Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP*

Sandeep Tatla, Principal, *Sandeep Tatla Advisory + Coaching*

**3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

***Consumer Protection Act Changes***

Husein Panju, Senior Legal Counsel, *Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO)*

Lucas Versteegh, *Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP*

**4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Question and Answer Session**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Program Ends**

**4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**In-person registrants are invited to join us for a reception following the program.**