

April 20, 2021

Mental Health for Legal Professionals Summit



CO-CHAIRS: **Beth Beattie**, Counsel, *Ministry of the Attorney General*

Teresa Donnelly, Treasurer, *Law Society of Ontario*

May 19, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Total CPD Hours = 8 h EDI Professionalism 

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Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, May 19

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Teresa Donnelly, Treasurer, Law Society of Ontario

9:05 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

Keynote Address

The Honourable George R. Strathy, Chief Justice of Ontario

9:35 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The Mental State of the Legal Profession

Moderator: Kara Hardin, Psychotherapist and Former Lawyer, *Kara Hardin Mental Health Consulting and Clinical Counseling*

Panelists: Orlando Da Silva, LSM, Chief Administrator/CEO, *Administrative Tribunals Support Services of Canada*

Michelle Leong Francis, Chief Business Architect, *TTG Group Consulting Inc.*

Doron Gold, Psychotherapist and Social Worker
Homewood Health, Inc.

Tanya Parker Wallace, *Parker Wallace Family Law*

10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

10:40 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Break

10:50 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Vicarious Trauma – Risk Factors and a Path Forward

Moderator: The Honourable Lori Anne Thomas, *Ontario Court of Justice*

Panelists: Zehra Haffajee, Victim/Witness Service Worker, *Ontario Victim Witness Assistance Program*

Helgi Maki, *Resilience Coaching and Consulting*

Françoise Mathieu, Psychotherapist and Executive Director, *TEND Academy*

- 11:40 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
- 11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.** **Personal Perspectives on Addiction, Recovery and Hope**
- Moderator: Lauren Linton, Law Clerk and Paralegal, *Ministry of the Attorney General*
- Panelists: Dr. Raj Bhatla, Psychiatrist-in-Chief & Chief of Staff
Royal Ottawa Health Care Group
- Fran Carnerie, Deputy Legal Director (retired) *Ministry of the Environment*, Currently: PhD in Law candidate,
Osgoode Hall Law School
- Darryl Singer, *Diamond and Diamond Lawyers LLP*
- 12:50 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
- 1:00 p.m.** **Program Ends**

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Day 2: Thursday, May 20

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Beth Beattie, Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General

9:05 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Keynote Address

Teresa Donnelly, Treasurer, *Law Society of Ontario*

9:20 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

To Tell or Not to Tell? That is the Question: Revealing Mental Health Issues at Work

Moderator: Michael Herman, General Counsel, *Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP*

Panelists: Beth Beattie, Counsel, *Ministry of the Attorney General*

Webnesh Haile, *Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP*

Gregory Ko, *Kastner Lam LLP*

10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Insights on Mental Health from the Future of the Legal Profession

Moderator: Ramz Aziz, *Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP*

Panelists: Alysia Davies, Staff Clinician, *Homewood Health, Inc.*

Hayley Pitcher, Counsel, *Ministry of the Attorney General*

Leslie Anne St. Amour, Articling Student, *Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*

Malini Vijaykumar, *Nelligan O'Brien Payne LLP*

11:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

- 11:40 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.** **Getting to the Bottom Line: How to Create a Non-Stigmatized and Inclusive Work Environment**
- Moderator: Shannon Chace, Legal Director, *Ministry of Education / Ministry of Colleges and Universities*
- Panelists: Nikki Gershbain, Chief Inclusion Officer, *McCarthy Tétrault LLP*
- Dr. Thomas Telfer, Professor, Faculty of Law, *Western University*
- Charlene Theodore, President, *Ontario Bar Association*
- 12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
- 1:00 p.m.** **Program Ends**