

33rd Immigration Law Summit

DAY TWO



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

Total CPD Hours = 5 h 15 m Substantive + 1 h 15 m Professionalism 

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Toronto, ON**

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Agenda

DAY TWO:

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Welcome

Joo Eun Kim, Staff Lawyer, Refugee Law Office
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John Loncar, Counsel, National Litigation Sector
Department of Justice Canada

9:10 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Major Case Law Update

Christopher Ezrin, Counsel, National Litigation Sector
Department of Justice Canada

Emma White, Staff Lawyer, Refugee Law Office
Legal Aid Ontario

9:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

9:45 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Update on Mandamus

Christopher Crighton
Deputy Director and Senior Counsel
Department of Justice Canada

Maureen Silcoff, *Silcoff Shacter*

10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

10:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Break

10:35 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

Inadmissibility and Membership in Alleged Terrorist Organizations

Warda Shazadi Meighen, *Landings LLP*

Judith Michaely, Senior Counsel, National Litigation Sector
Department of Justice Canada

11:05 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Professionalism – Client Contingency Planning (30 m^P)

Kelly Anne Gerra, Counsel and Manager, Practice Supports
and Resources, *Law Society of Ontario*

Adrienne Smith, *Smith Immigration Law*

11:45 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Question and Answer Session (5 m^P)

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

Lunch

12:50 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Impacts of C-12 on Designated Representatives and IRB
Eligibility**

Jacqueline Bonisteel, C.S., *Corporate Immigration
Law PC*

Erin Simpson, B.A.H., J.D., *Landing LLP*

1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Question and Answer Session

1:40 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

“Crimigration” – Consequences, Appeals and Strategies

Tom Combs, Senior Counsel Program – Criminal
Legal Aid Ontario

Anthony Navaneelan, Refugee Law Office, *Legal Aid
Ontario*

2:10 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
2:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Reconsideration Requests at IRCC – What and When to Ask Daniel Engel, Senior Counsel, National Litigation Sector <i>Department of Justice Canada</i> Benjamin Liston, Senior Counsel, Refugee Law Office <i>Legal Aid Ontario</i>
2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Break
3:20 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.	Professionalism – Record Keeping – Protecting Your Client and Yourself (35 m ) Karin Baqi, Counsel, Investigative Services <i>Law Society of Ontario</i> Margaux Peck, Counsel, Practice Review <i>Law Society of Ontario</i>
3:55 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
4:00 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.	A View from the Bench: Procedural Updates and Advocacy Insights for the IMM Bar The Honourable Justice Ekaterina Tsimberis, <i>Federal Court</i>
4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
4:30 p.m.	End of Day Two