

Eight-Minute Administrative Law and Practice 2026



CO-CHAIRS: **Jeff Cowan**, *WeirFoulds LLP*

Margaret Leighton, Barrister and Solicitor

March 4, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Total CPD Hours = 2 h 45 m Substantive + 15 m Professionalism ^P

Webcast

Law Society of Ontario

SKU CLE26-00302

Agenda

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome

Jeff Cowan, WeirFoulds LLP

Margaret Leighton, Barrister and Solicitor

9:05 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. **Emerging Issues in Administrative Law and Practice from the Divisional Court (5 m P)**

The Honourable Justice Shaun O’Brien, *Ontario Superior Court of Justice*

9:20 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. **Emerging Issues in Administrative Law and Practice from the Federal Court of Appeal (5 m P)**

The Honourable Justice Mary Gleason, *Federal Court of Appeal*

9:35 a.m. – 9:44 a.m. **Judicial Review of Government Decisions and the Use of the Notwithstanding Clause**

Professor Cheryl Milne, Faculty of Law, *University of Toronto*

9:44 a.m. – 10:03 a.m. **Head in the Sand: When to Act, When To File Stay Pending Leave to Appeal**

Alexi Wood, *St. Lawrence Barristers PC*

10:03 a.m. – 10:12 a.m. **Slippery Roads or Stay in Your Lane: Tribunal Intervention and Conflict of Interest**

James Plotkin, *Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP*

10:12 a.m. – 10:22 a.m. **Question and Answer Session**

10:22 a.m. – 10:42 a.m. **Break**

10:42 a.m. – 10:51 a.m. **Particularity of Allegations**

Elyse Sunshine, *Rosen Sunshine LLP*

- 10:51 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Something Seems Fishy: The Tribunal Record and Allegations of Procedural Unfairness**
- Nabila Qureshi, *Income Security Advocacy Centre*
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:09 a.m.** **Leave to Appeal from Div Ct. (*Sault Dock*)**
- Tina Lie, *Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP*
- 11:09 a.m. – 11:18 a.m.** **Duty to Courts to Not Undermine Justice vs. Fair Commentary in Public Regarding Decisions (5 m )**
- Hilary Book, *Affleck Greene McMurtry LLP*
- 11:18 a.m. – 11:27 a.m.** **Too Fast, Too Slow: Managing Your Client’s Case When A Tribunal is Delayed or Imposes Short Timelines**
- Associate Professor Noel Semple, Faculty of Law,
University of Windsor
- 11:27 a.m. – 11:47 p.m.** **From Whence We Came, to Where We are Going?**
- The Honourable Justice David Stratas, *Federal Court of Appeal*
- 11:47 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
- 12:00 p.m.** **Program Ends**