

# Representing Sexual Assault Complainants and Victims in Criminal Cases



CO-CHAIRS: **The Honourable Justice Susan Chapman**, *Ontario Court of Justice*

**Dawne Way**, *Dawne Way Law*

**November 8, 2025**

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

**Total CPD Hours = 3 h 20 m Substantive + 40 m Professionalism P**

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## **Agenda**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.**


**Welcome**

The Honourable Justice Susan Chapman, *Ontario Court of Justice*

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- 9:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**      **Sexual History Evidence: Section 276 and Crown Applications**
- Karen Bellehumeur, *Bellehumeur Law*
- David Butt, Barrister & Solicitor
- Meaghan Cunningham, Crown Counsel, Crown Law Office – Criminal, *Ministry of the Attorney General*
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.**      **Question & Answer Session**
- 10:20 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.**      **Section 278.3: Records Applications**
- Neville Golwalla, Crown Counsel, Crown Law Office – Criminal, *Ministry of the Attorney General*
- Megan Stephens, *Megan Stephens Law*
- 11:10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**      **Question & Answer Session**
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.**      **Break**
- 11:35 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**      **Section 278.92: Accused in Possession of Records Relating to Complainant**
- Joanna Birenbaum, *Birenbaum Law*
- Heather Donkers, Crown Counsel, Crown Law Office – Criminal, *Ministry of the Attorney General*
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.**      **Question & Answer Session**

**12:20 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.**

**Professionalism Issues: Client ID, Communication, Instructions, Caregiver Roles, LAO Payments, etc.**  
(40 m )

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Monica Gharabaway, Crown Counsel, Crown Law Office – Criminal, *Ministry of the Attorney General*

Dawne Way, *Dawne Way Law*

**12:55 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Question & Answer Session**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Program Ends**