

The Eight-Minute Criminal Court Judge 2025



Co-Chairs: **The Honourable Justice Steve Coroza**
Court of Appeal for Ontario

The Honourable Bruce Durno (Retired)
Superior Court of Justice

January 25, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Total CPD Hours = 2 h 15 m Substantive + 1 h 20 m Professionalism^P
+ 25 m EDI Professionalism^E**

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

SKU CLE25-00105

Agenda

9:00 a.m. – 9:01 a.m.

Welcome

*The Honourable Justice Steve Coroza
Court of Appeal for Ontario*

The Honourable Bruce Durno (Retired)
Superior Court of Justice

9:01 a.m. – 9:09 a.m.

Spontaneous Utterances

The Honourable David Watt K.C., Jurist in Residence
Greenspan Humphrey Makepeace LLP

9:09 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Speaker and Topic Introduction

9:10 a.m. – 9:18 a.m.

***R. v. Edgar* Issues**

The Honourable Justice Michelle Fuerst
Superior Court of Justice

9:18 a.m. – 9:19 a.m.

Speaker and Topic Introduction

9:19 a.m. – 9:27 a.m.

Admissibility of Confessions/ Statements Against Interest

The Honourable Justice Rita Maxwell
Superior Court of Justice

9:27 a.m. – 9:28 a.m.

Speaker and Topic Introduction

9:28 a.m. – 9:36 a.m.

Common Advocacy Mistakes ^P

The Honourable Justice Nancy Dennison
Superior Court of Justice

9:36 a.m. – 9:37 a.m.

Speaker and Topic Introduction

9:37 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Effective Oral Advocacy ^P

The Honourable Justice Ian Smith
Superior Court of Justice

9:45 a.m. – 9:46 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
9:46 a.m. – 9:54 a.m.	Helping the New Judge ^P The Honourable Justice Laura Bird <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
9:54 a.m. – 9:59 a.m.	Question and Answer Period
9:59 a.m. – 10:07 a.m.	<i>Morris</i> Sentencing Issues ^e The Honourable Associate Chief Justice Michal Fairburn <i>Court of Appeal for Ontario</i>
10:07 a.m. – 10:08 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
10:08 a.m. – 10:16 a.m.	Effective Sentencing Submissions ^P The Honourable Justice Philip Downes <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i>
10:16 a.m. – 10:17 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
10:17 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	<i>Gladue</i> Sentencing Issues ^e The Honourable Justice Jonathon George <i>Court of Appeal for Ontario</i>
10:25 a.m. – 10:26 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction

10:26 a.m. – 10:34 a.m.	Preparing for and Conducting Effective Pre-Trial Conferences ^P
	The Honourable Justice James Stribopoulos <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
10:34 a.m. – 10:42 a.m.	Effective Use of <i>Amicus</i> ^P
	The Honourable Justice Jennifer Woolcombe <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
10:42 a.m. – 10:43 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
10:43 a.m. – 10:51 a.m.	Detention Reviews
	The Honourable Justice David E. Harris <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
10:51 a.m. – 10:57 a.m.	Question and Answer Period
10:57 a.m. – 11:12 a.m.	Break
11:12 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Prior Consistent Statements
	The Honourable Justice Jill Copeland <i>Court of Appeal for Ontario</i>
11:20 a.m. – 11:21 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
11:21 a.m. – 11:29 a.m.	Dealing With an Interventionist Judge ^P
	The Honourable Justice Joseph Di Luca <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
11:29 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction

- 11:30 a.m. – 11:38 a.m.** **The Role of Case Management Judges** P
- The Honourable Justice Michael Code
Superior Court of Justice
- 11:38 a.m. – 11:39 a.m.** **Speaker and Topic Introduction**
- 11:39 a.m. – 11:47 a.m.** **Opening and Closing in Non-Jury Trials** P
- The Honourable Justice Allison Dellandrea
Ontario Court of Justice
- 11:47 a.m. – 11:48 a.m.** **Speaker and Topic Introduction**
- 11:48 a.m. – 11:56 a.m.** **Consent and Mistaken Belief in Communicated Consent**
- The Honourable Justice Mara Greene
Ontario Court of Justice
- 11:56 a.m. – 12:01 p.m.** **Question and Answer Period**
- 12:01 p.m. – 12:09 p.m.** **Section 276 (Proximate Sexual Activity and Other Evidentiary Issues)**
- The Honourable Justice Joe Fiorucci
Ontario Court of Justice
- 12:09 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.** **Speaker and Topic Introduction**
- 12:10 p.m. – 12:18 p.m.** **Charter S.24(2) Update**
- The Honourable Justice Marcella Henschel
Superior Court of Justice

12:18 p.m. – 12:19 p.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
12:19 p.m. – 12:27 p.m.	Making and Responding to Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Allegations ^P
	The Honourable Justice Gary Trotter <i>Court of Appeal for Ontario</i>
12:27 p.m. – 12:28 p.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
12:28 p.m. – 12:36 p.m.	Effective Representation of Clients with Mental Health Issues ^E
	The Honourable Justice Kathryn Fillier <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i>
12:36 p.m. – 12:37 p.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
12:37 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Self-Defence
	The Honourable Justice Jonathan Dawe <i>Court of Appeal for Ontario</i>
12:45 p.m. – 12:46 p.m.	Speaker and Topic Introduction
12:46 p.m. – 12:54 p.m.	Cross Examination on Prior Inconsistent Statements
	The Honourable Justice Maureen Forestell <i>Superior Court of Justice</i>
12:54 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Question and Answer Period
1:00 p.m.	Program Ends