

33rd Immigration Law Summit DAY ONE



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

**Total CPD Hours = 4 h 45 m Substantive + 45 m Professionalism ^P
+ 1 h EDI Professionalism ^E**

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130 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON**

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Agenda

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Are You an Up-and-Coming Lawyer? Bonus Session!

***Pre-registration is required - Space is limited
Qualifies for an additional 1 h of Professionalism.***

Speed Mentoring: (Almost) Everything You Wanted to Know About Practicing Immigration Law (But Were Afraid to Ask) (1 h P)

Sit down for an informal mentoring session with senior members of the bar and learn about managing your practice, meeting your professional and ethical responsibilities, and dealing with your clients.

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome

Rachel Hepburn Craig, Counsel, National Litigation Sector
Department of Justice Canada

Ravi Jain, C.S., *Jain Immigration Law*

9:05 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Rapid Fire - Top 25 Developments from 2025

Gabriela Ramo, Partner, *EY Law LLP*

Kevin Spykerman, Counsel, National Litigation Sector
Department of Justice Canada

9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

9:35 a.m.– 10:10 a.m.

Succession Planning for Your Practice (35 m P)

The Honourable Justice Michael Battista, *Federal Court*


Greg Kells, President, *Sunbelt Business Brokers, Inc.*

Lorne Waldman, *Waldman and Associates*

10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Question and Answer Session (10 m P)

10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Break
10:40 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	<p>PR Pathways and Strategies When Your Client Has Been Unsuccessful in the OINP Foreign Worker Stream or the EE Targeted Draw – Discussing Options</p> <p>Tamara Mosher-Kuczer, C.S., <i>Lighthouse Immigration Law PC</i></p> <p>Brenda Wong, C.S., <i>Business Immigration Law Group</i></p>
11:15 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Question and Answer Session
11:25 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>LMIA Update</p> <p>Stephen Kent, <i>KMPG Law LLP</i></p> <p>Elisa Usher, <i>Fragomen (Canada) Co.</i></p>
12:00 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p>Gender Based Violence and a Trauma-Informed Practice (50 m 🕒)</p> <p>Nicole Gareau, Assistant Director, Humanitarian Pathways Program Coordination and Guidance <i>Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada</i></p> <p>Deepa Mattoo, Executive Director, <i>Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic</i></p> <p>Cheryl Robinson, Staff Lawyer, Refugee Law Office <i>Legal Aid Ontario</i></p>

2:00 p.m. 2:10 p.m.	Question and Answer Session (10 m )
2:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.	<p>Current Issues at Points of Entry</p> <p>Barbara Jo Caruso, C.S., <i>Corporate Immigration Law Firm PC</i></p> <p>Henry Chang, <i>Dentons Canada LLP</i></p> <p>Erin Dwyne, Manager, <i>Canada Border Services Agency</i></p> <p>Peter Rekai, C.S., <i>Rekai LLP</i></p>
2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
2:50 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Break
3:05 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<p>Top 10 Federal Court Cases – Year in Review</p> <p>Lev Abramovich, <i>Abramovich Immigration Law PC</i></p> <p>Zeynab Ziaie Moayyed, <i>Visa Law Group PC</i></p> <p>Hannah Shaik, Counsel, National Litigation Sector <i>Department of Justice Canada</i></p>
3:45 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
3:50 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.	<p>Pathways to Correct Refusals from IRCC</p> <p>David Garson, C.S., <i>Garson Immigration Law PC</i></p> <p>Shoshana Green, C.S., <i>Green & Spiegel LLP</i></p> <p>Meva Motwani, Counsel, National Litigation Sector <i>Department of Justice Canada</i></p>

4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Question and Answer Session

4:30 p.m.

End of Day One