

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING CONFERENCE



September 16–18, 2024 | Online & at the Shaw Centre, 55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON

IN PERSON & ONLINE

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Overview

CIAJ's biennial Legislative Drafting Conference tackles the most important challenges in modern legislation.

This 22nd Edition (in-person and online) continues a long tradition of exploring the many facets of legislative drafting with a particular focus on the Canadian context. The 2024 conference will bring together practitioners and academics to discuss various aspects of the work of preparing legislative texts. The conference will address a broad range of topics including practical challenges drafters face in their work, developments in statutory interpretation and questions of diversity and inclusion in statutes. The 2024 conference will also pay tribute to the late Ruth Sullivan who had a profound influence on the field of legislative drafting.

Planning Committee

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provinces where
CLE requirements
for lawyers are
mandatory.

START TIME ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT TIME ZONES IN CANADA

PT: 10:00 am **MT:** 11:00 am **CT:** 12:00 pm **ET:** 1:00 pm **AT:** 2:00 pm **NT:** 2:30 pm

NOTE: The time zone used in the program is Eastern Time

DAY 1 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

- 12:30 – 1:00 pm LOG ON FOR ALL ONLINE PARTICIPANTS
- 1:00 – 1:20 pm OPENING REMARKS AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
- 1:20 – 2:40 pm PANEL ONE | **Constitutional and Statutory Interpretation**
- 2:40 – 3:00 pm BREAK
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm PANEL TWO | **Delegated Legislation and the Rule of Law**
- 6:00 – 7:30 pm RECEPTION ADDRESS [Supreme Court of Canada]

DAY 2 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

- 9:00 – 11:00 am ACTIVITIES FOR IN-PERSONS PARTICIPANTS
- 10:45 – 11:00 am LOG ON FOR ALL ONLINE PARTICIPANTS
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm PANEL THREE | **Inclusive and Gender-Neutral Language**
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm WORKSHOPS (BREAK DURING WORKSHOP)
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm LUNCH
- 2:30 – 4:00 pm PANEL FOUR | **Plain Language**
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm WORKSHOPS

DAY 3 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

- 9:00 – 11:00 am ACTIVITIES FOR IN-PERSONS PARTICIPANTS
- 10:45 – 11:00 am LOG ON FOR ALL ONLINE PARTICIPANTS
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm PANEL FIVE | **Top 10 Tips**
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm ARTIFICIAL LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING – REALITY CHECK
- 1:30 – 1:45 pm CLOSING REMARKS
- 1:45 – 2:30 pm LUNCH (LUNCH BOXES AVAILABLE)

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