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Judicial Programs for 2022 – 2023 – 2024 – 2025 – 2026

Every year, CIAJ offers various training programs designed specially for judges, and a multidisciplinary national conference addressing a specific and critical issue in the legal field. Programs are bilingual with simultaneous interpretation.

Participation is approved under Section 41 (1) of the *Judges Act*.

Registration & Reservations

Places are limited. It is recommended to register promptly. To do so, please contact the Project Manager of Judicial Programs, Vicki Gondek, CMP, at vicki.gondek@ciaj-icaj.ca or 514-731-2855, extension 6.

More details

Upcoming programs are also listed with more details on CIAJ's website: <https://ciaj-icaj.ca/en/activities/upcoming-programs/>



MULTIDISCIPLINARY

2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 26-28

In person in Halifax, NS
and online

***"The Right to Dignity
in Canadian Law"***

Topics overview:

Dignity as a fundamental human right, dignity as a right in the Quebec Charter, the role of human dignity in statutory interpretation; law and dignity; legal protection and dignity; dignity as it relates to decision making and decision writing, etc.

A particular focus of the conference will be child protection, health law, elder law and end of life issues.



MULTIDISCIPLINARY

2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 25-27

In person in Ottawa, ON and online

"The Law of Borders"

Topics overview:

- Immigration
- Refugees
- Extradition
- Citizenship
- Transnational litigation
- Globalization and governance
- International tribunals and arbitration
- Inter-provincial issues
- Etc.



MULTIDISCIPLINARY

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 9-11

In person in Winnipeg, MB and online

"The Families and the Law"

Topics overview:

The nature of concerns about the family justice system, recommendations to improve the system, culture shift or paradigm shift, how brain science relates to family well-being, the importance of improving the outcomes for families, why transforming the family justice system is needed and how to achieve this, the changes that are starting to take place, etc.



FOR JUDGES ONLY
**WRITING REASONS IN
SEXUAL ASSAULT
CASES**

FIRST EDITION

2022 November 25,
ONLINE

Brand-new program welcoming stellar speakers, among which The Honourable Justice Sheilah Martin and Professor Janine Benedet.

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SEMINAR ON BIAS

FIRST EDITION

2023 February 10, ONLINE

This seminar aims to raise awareness of biases, and avoid their influence in reaching a decision.



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**JUDGMENT WRITING
SEMINAR**
ANNUAL

2022 June 27-30,
Montreal, QC

2023 June 26-29,
Montreal, QC

2024 June 24-27,
Montreal, QC

2025 June 30– July 3,
Montreal, QC

2026 June 29– July 2,
Montreal, QC

The program includes lectures, discussions, and workshops that stress the nature of good prose, point-first writing and the special requirements and challenges of judicial writing.



FOR JUDGES ONLY
**MASTERING THE
SKILL OF JUDGMENT
WRITING**

BIENNIAL

2024 May 12-16,
Toronto, ON

2026 April 19-23,
2026, location TBC

This biennial program is designed for judges with at least five years of experience who have already attended CIAJ's *Judgment Writing Seminar* or a writing program at the provincial court level.

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ADVANCED JUDICIAL
SEMINAR ON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
BIENNIAL

2022 June 3,
ONLINE:

*"Getting Down to Brass
Tacks: Working With
Vavilov"*

2024 June 7, Ottawa,
ON

2026 June 5, Ottawa,
ON

This biennial program is designed to provide judges with essential updates on the state of the law, and give them the opportunity to reflect on and critique recent developments.



FOR JUDGES ONLY
SEMINAR IN
ADMINISTRATIVE
LAW: DEALING
EFFECTIVELY WITH
JUDICIAL REVIEW
BIENNIAL

2023 January 31–
February 3, Montreal,
QC

2025 January 28-31,
Location TBC

This biennial program is designed to familiarize trial judges with principles and practices relating to applications for judicial review.

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SEMINAR FOR NEW
FEDERALLY
APPOINTED JUDGES
BIENNIAL

2022 October 16-21,
Charlottetown, PEI

2023 April 16-21,
Quebec City, QC &
October 29–November
3, Vancouver, BC

2024 April 7-
12, Montreal, QC
& October 20-
25, Toronto, ON

2025 April 6-11,
Quebec City, QC
& October 19-24,
Calgary, AB

2026 April 12-17,
Montreal, QC & October
18-23, Halifax, NS

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