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ACCESS TO JUSTICE:

Innovative Tools for a
Profitable Practice

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

Faculty of Law, Room 38 | Western University

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.



Fee: Free of Charge

LSUC CPD: 5 Hours of Professionalism Credits



Lunch: Included

LawPro Credit: \$50.00 credit on premiums for attendees

9:00 - 9:10 am **Welcome and introduction of keynote speaker**

12:00 - 1:00 pm **Lunch**

9:10 - 10:00 am **Keynote speaker: Chris Bentley, Legal Innovation Zone, Ryerson University, and former Attorney General of Ontario**

1:00 - 1:40 pm **Panel: Technology, Innovation and the Law – Part 2**

Mr. Bentley will present on access to justice and how lawyers can use innovation and technology to make a profit, while helping to fill the gaps in the legal system. The conference is aimed at assisting small firms, sole practitioners, and clinics in cost saving as well as maximizing quality of service for clients.

Steve Iseman, Carswell
Rajah Lehal, Clausehound

10:00 - 10:50 am **Panel: Alternate Fee Arrangements**

Raj Anand, Law Society of Upper Canada
Dan Pinnington, LawPro
Elizabeth Goldenberg, The New Family Law Centre
Ron Ellis, local criminal law practitioner
Matthew Dupre, sole practitioner and JusticeNet provider.

1:40 - 2:15 pm

Panel: Legal Coaching

Nikki Gershbain, Executive Director of PBSC, on sabbatical at Windsor Law
Michael Ollier, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic

The panel will speak on how lawyers can use fee arrangements (including JusticeNet) to serve access to justice while ensuring they are supporting their practice and complying with Law Society and LawPro requirements.

Clients who are seeking help with self-representation may benefit from legal counsel. Our presenters will speak about legal coaching and the associated ethical and business implications.

10:50 - 11:00 am **Break**

2:15 - 3:00 pm

Panel: Pro Bono Law Ontario and Pro Bono Students Canada

Alison Symington, Acting Executive Director of Pro Bono Students Canada
Margaret Capes, Pro Bono Students Canada at Western Law
Adina Goldberg, local representative of PBLO
Michael Lerner, Lerner and PBLO supporter

11:00 - 12:00 pm **Panel: Technology, Innovation and the Law – Part 1**

Beth Virtue and Alan Votary,
Lexis Nexis Practice Advisor Canada
Jamie Hildebrand, Huron-Perth Legal Clinic (clinic video technology),
Mona Datt, Loom Analytics

The panel will speak about how innovation plays a role in pro bono work, the opportunities for lawyers and students to get involved with pro bono and the importance of promoting pro bono within the legal profession.

The panel will present on advances in legal innovation and how professionals can use new technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Feedback and closing remarks

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