



# ITAW | INTENSIVE TRIAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

More than 4,500 litigators have benefited from this one-of-a-kind learning experience

- Learn-by-doing skills program
- Hands-on opportunity to develop and practice essential trial skills with individualized feedback
- Equally applicable to civil and criminal cases
- Faculty of over 100 practising members of the Bench and Bar

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## Co-Directors:

Professor Garry D. Watson, QC  
Osgoode Hall Law School  
York University

Professor Trevor C.W. Farrow  
Osgoode Hall Law School  
York University

## Program Details:

### DATES

Sunday, July 8 -  
Saturday, July 14, 2018

### LOCATION

Chelsea Hotel  
33 Gerrard St W, Toronto

# 39th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop

Every year, ITAW brings together an exceptional group of over 100 instructors and guest speakers, all who are active members of the Bench and Bar and are trained in teaching oral advocacy.

“[ITAW] is a risk free environment, designed to help you learn and improve your skills. A wonderful week!

Kayla Renken, *Scheifele, Erskine & Renken, Barristers & Solicitors*

“I would recommend this course to all lawyers both as an introduction to trials for new lawyers, and a reference course for those in practice for several years.

Annemarie Roodal, *Legal Aid Ontario*

“I thought the program was exceptional! You have transformed my trial advocacy skills.

Nadia Lambek, *Cavalluzzo Shilton Mcintyre Cornish LLP*



## Financial Assistance:

### Sheila Block & Professor James Seckinger Fellowship

This fellowship recognizes the outstanding contributions made by Sheila Block and Prof. Seckinger to advocacy across Canada and around the world, and in particular to the ITAW program at Osgoode since its inception 39 years ago. Preference will be given to lawyers from non-profit organizations, and those in remote parts of Canada.

### Judge David Stokes Memorial Fellowship

In honour of Judge Stokes, a long-time and highly esteemed instructor in the ITAW, this fellowship will be awarded to a criminal defense lawyer with demonstrated financial need and requiring advocacy training.

#### To apply (for either fellowship):

Send a CV, a persuasive cover letter and a copy of your previous year's tax return to:

Osgoode Professional Development  
Attn: Gail Geronimo, Program Lawyer  
1 Dundas St. West, 26th Floor  
Toronto, ON M5G 1Z3

Email:  
financialaid-opd@osgoode.yorku.ca

\***Note:** Applications must be received **no later than** April 30, 2018.

## The Curriculum

The ITAW focuses on learning through participation in simulated trial sessions, coupled with individual and small-group critique by experienced trial counsel and judges. Demonstrations are used, but the focus is on individual participation and performance.

## Individual Feedback and Coaching

Throughout the program, each participant receives individual attention in a small group teaching environment. Groups of eight participants work closely with two (or more) instructors. Participants receive personalized feedback and coaching from their instructors. Performances are also filmed, providing the participants with the opportunity to self-assess and get further with individualized feedback.

## The Final Trial

The program culminates with a full day trial experience, and are presided over by judges and experienced practitioners. The trials provide an important opportunity to reinforce the learning and skills from the workshops. At the conclusion of the trial, participants receive individual feedback on their trial performance by the presiding judge and mock jury.

## Teaching Model

The program, including format, materials and teaching methods, is the product of a significant co-operative venture between academic instructors and practising members of the Bench and Bar. The teaching materials are based on those developed by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, adapted to Canadian court practices and procedures, and refined each year.

## Who Should Attend

The ITAW is ideally suited to lawyers with at least one to five years of legal experience but with limited trial experience. The basic trial skills learned at ITAW are equally applicable to civil and criminal cases.

**Participants should note that ITAW is an intensive program. Evening and pre-program preparation will be required.**

Attendance on all days is required.

A detailed agenda will be provided in advance.

## Topics Include:

Sunday afternoon (registration opens at 12pm):  
**Basic Skills and Case Analysis**

Monday (registration opens at 8am):  
**Examination-in-Chief/Cross Examination**

Tuesday:  
**Impeachment**

Wednesday:  
**Advanced Cross-Examination and Expert Witnesses**

Thursday:  
**Opening Statements and Exhibits**

Friday:  
**Closing Arguments**

Saturday (registration opens at 8:30am):  
**Final Trials**

## Typical Daily Schedule<sup>\*\*</sup>

8:30 - 10:00  
**Small Group Sessions  
(Performance, videotaping & critique)**

10:00 - 10:25  
**Coffee Break**

10:25 - 12:00  
**Small Group Sessions  
(Performance, videotaping & critique)**

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

1:00 - 2:45  
**Small Group Sessions**

2:45 - 3:00  
**Coffee Break**

3:00 - 4:00  
**Demonstration**

4:00 - 5:00  
**Full Section Meeting  
(Case analysis & trial planning)**

\* Subject to change  
(Note: most days conclude at 5pm)

## Past faculty include:

**The Hon. Justice  
Patrice F. Band**  
Ontario Court of Justice

**The Hon. Justice  
David L. Corbett**  
Superior Court of Justice

**The Hon. Justice  
Steve Coroza**  
Superior Court of Justice

**The Hon. Lady  
Leeona Dorrian, Q.C.**  
High Court of Judiciary,  
Scotland

**The Hon. Justice  
Rachel Grinberg**  
Ontario Court of Justice

**The Hon. Justice  
Shaun Nakatsuru**  
Superior Court of Justice

**Frank M.K. Au**  
Ministry of the Attorney  
General, Crown Law Office  
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**Sandra Barton**  
Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP

**Sheila R. Block**  
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**Kathryn I. Chalmers**  
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**Sandra A. Forbes**  
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**Peter H. Griffin**  
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**Julie K. Hannaford**  
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**Thomas G. Heintzman,  
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**Paul B. Schabas**  
Blake, Cassels & Graydon  
LLP

**Melvyn L. Solmon**  
Solmon Rothbart Goodman  
LLP

**Michael S.F. Watson**  
Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP

## Registration Details

### Fee per Delegate

**\$4,595 plus HST**

Fees include attendance, electronic program materials, continental breakfast, lunch and break refreshments.

### Program Changes

We will make every effort to present the program as advertised, but it may be necessary to change the date, location, speakers or content with little or no notice. In the event of program cancellation, York University's and Osgoode Hall Law School's liability is limited to reimbursement of paid fees.

### Cancellations and Substitutions

**Cancellations** received in writing on or prior to May 31, 2018 will receive a full refund (less \$150 plus HST administrative fee). There will be no refunds on or after June 1, 2018. **Substitutions** are permitted at any time up to and including June 30, 2018 (subject to \$150 plus HST administration fee). Substitutions are not permitted once the program has started. Non-attendance at all or part of the program does not entitle a participant to a refund or credit.



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