

Critical and Emerging Issues in
School Law for K-12 Education Professionals
February 22-23, 2024
Online

Day One – February 22, 2024
AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome from the Chairs**
Nicola Simmons, Keel Cottrelle LLP
Alex Battick, Battick Legal Advisory
- 8:40 a.m. Statutory Framework and *Education Act* Primer**
Nicola Simmons, Keel Cottrelle LLP
- 9:45 a.m. Equity & Anti-Racism in the Education Context**
Stephanie Woolley, Vice President, Toronto Pflag
Alex Battick, Battick Legal Advisory
Tana Turner, President & CEO, Turner Consulting Group

10:30 a.m. Break

- 10:45 a.m. The Impact of the *Charter of Rights* and the *Ontario Human Rights Code* on Schools**
Jennifer Zdriluk, Ross & McBride LLP
Gillian Tuck Kutarna, Miller Thompson

- 11:45 a.m. Understanding Privacy and Access to Information in the Education Setting**
Mark Brosens, Senior Manager: Brand, Marketing & Communications, York Catholic District School Board
Rosemary de Soysa Martin, Manager, Records and Privacy, York Catholic District School Board

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

- 1:30 p.m. Keynote: Understanding the Youth Criminal Justice Act**
Justice Brock Jones, Ontario Court of Justice

2:00 p.m. Break

- 2:15 p.m. Family Law Issues in Schools**
Jennifer Feren, General Counsel, District School Board of Niagara

Kamla O. Lewis, Senior Counsel, Epstein & Associates
Beth McCarty, Counsel, Office of the Children’s Lawyer

3:15 p.m. Day One Wrap-Up

3:30 p.m. Day One Concludes

Day Two – February 23, 2024
WORKING AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Welcome from the Chairs
Nicola Simmons, Keel Cottrelle LLP
Alex Battick, Battick Legal Advisory

8:40 a.m. Student Discipline Part I: Obligations Under the *Education Act*
Kimberley Ishmael, Keel Cottrelle LLP
Siobhan Wright, Superintendent of Education: School Leadership, York Catholic District School Board

9:30 a.m. Student Discipline Part II: Cyberspace, Police Protocols, Impact on Students
Det. Shane Miller, Youth Diversion Coordinator, Community Partnerships & Engagement Unit, Toronto Police Service

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Indigenous Education
Tanya Senk, System Superintendent of Indigenous Education

11:45 a.m. Child Protection Issues in Schools
Sarah Clarke, Clarke Child and Family Law
Eric Vallilee, Vallilee Family Lawyers

12:30 p.m. Day 2 Recorded Program Concludes – Live Breakout Sessions
