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# ITAW | INTENSIVE TRIAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

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

- Hands-on opportunity to develop and practice essential trial skills with individualized feedback
- Equally applicable to civil and criminal cases
- Faculty of 100+ members of the Bench and Bar

*“Excellent program - an absolute must. While it was exhausting, I learned much more than I was expecting to and that made the exhaustion worth it. The program really is catered to your individual learning experience at the level that you are at. There were lawyers from all levels in attendance and no one was made to feel inferior or behind. I highly recommend this program to litigation lawyers.”*

Thusha Mayuran, *Intact Insurance Company*

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## REGISTRATION DETAILS

Monday, July 8 -  
Saturday, July 13, 2024  
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET

In-Person  
Chelsea Hotel  
33 Gerrard Street West  
Toronto, Ontario M5G 1Z4

Register today at:  
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# 45<sup>th</sup> 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.

You will be joined by respected instructors and receive the benefits of our time tested teaching model, complemented by valuable resources in our online learning platform:

- View pre-recorded demonstrations at your own time, from any space
- Receive an electronic portfolio of the recordings of your individualized critiques, upon request
- Access materials and resources our online learning platform for 120 days

*“This is a great program that gives you an opportunity to practice your oral advocacy skills without the stress of it being a real client. You will also gain invaluable insights from experienced litigators, judges, as well from your fellow participant’s performances. I would definitely recommend the program to anyone interested in improving their oral and trial advocacy skills!”*

*Sydney Osmar, Hull & Hull 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 44 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:

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Development  
Attn: Gail Geronimo,  
Program Lawyer

Email: [financialaid-opd@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:financialaid-opd@osgoode.yorku.ca)

\***Note:** Applications must be received **no later than** March 30, 2024.

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## 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. Recorded and annotated demonstrations, which may be viewed on your own time, are provided to guide your 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 recorded, 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.

## 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 two 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 and participation on all days is required. A detailed agenda will be provided in advance.

## Topics Include:

Monday:

- **Basic Skills and Case Analysis: Examination-in-Chief/Cross Examination**

Tuesday:

- **Examination-in-Chief and Cross Examination Workshops**

Wednesday:

- **Impeachment**
- **Advanced Cross Examination and Expert Witnesses**

Thursday:

- **Opening Statements and Closing Arguments**
- **Use of Exhibits**

Friday:

- **Judges' Panel: Advocacy Tips from the Bench**
- **Drills on Examination**

Saturday:

- **Final Trials**

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

9:00 – 10:00

- **Daily Orientation and Small Group Session (Performance, individualized critique)**

10:00 – 10:25

- **Health Break**

10:25 – 12:00

- **Small Group Session (Performance, recorded individualized critique)**

12:00 – 1:00

- **Lunch**

1:00 – 2:45

- **Small Group Session**

2:45 – 3:00

- **Health Break**

3:00 – 3:30

- **Daily Review**

3:30 – 4:30

- **Full Section Meeting (Case analysis & trial planning)**  
**Demonstration Videos Viewed Asynchronously**

*\*\* Subject to change*

## Past faculty include:

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

The Hon. Justice  
Steve Coroza  
Ontario Court of Appeal

The Hon. Justice  
Andrew Goodman  
Superior Court of Justice

The Hon. Justice  
Rachel Grinberg  
Ontario Court of Justice

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Rita Maxwell  
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Shaun Nakatsuru  
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Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP

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School

Carolyn Silver  
College of Physicians and  
Surgeons of Ontario

Melvyn L. Solmon  
Solmon Rothbart Goodman LLP

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

## Registration Details

Fee per Delegate: **\$4,995 + TAX**

Fees include attendance, electronic program materials, continental breakfast (on instructional days), lunch and break refreshments. **Full payment is due by June 3, 2024.**

### 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 June 3, 2024 will receive a full refund (less \$500 plus HST administration fee). There will be no refunds on or after June 4, 2024.

**Substitutions** are permitted at any time up to and including June 24, 2024 (subject to \$500 plus HST administration fee if made after the cancellation deadline). Non-attendance at all or part of the program does not entitle a participant to a refund or credit.



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*“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*

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