

2026 Annual Conference

Friday, November 20, 2026



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9:00–10:00AM	Halifax Ballroom	Plenary Address: The Honourable Justice Suzanne Côté, Supreme Court of Canada			
10:00–10:10AM	Break – Acadia Foyer				
	Sable AB	Sable CD	Acadia AB	Acadia C	
10:10–11:10AM	Income Determinations & Business Valuations in Family Law Cynthia Runolfson (Runolfson Kehoe) FAM	Bankrupt Estates from a Probate Administration Perspective TBA WET	Freezing Assets & Preservation Orders TBA LIT	eDiscovery and Generative AI: What’s Real, What’s Possible, and Let’s See it in Action Matt Maslow (Deloitte) MISC	
11:10–11:20AM	Health Break – Acadia Foyer				
11:20–12:20PM	Enforcement of Foreign Family Law Orders Dr. Ilana Luther (Access to Justice & Law Reform Institute) & more speakers TBA FAM	Non-Resident Issues Affecting Estates Rob Miedema (Harbinger Law) WET	Challenging Expert Evidence Admissibility Glenn Anderson, KC (NS DoJ) & more speakers TBA LIT	Cybersecurity - Is it Technology or Psychology? John Kamphuis (Maritime Cybersecurity Training) MISC	
12:20-1:50PM	Halifax Ballroom	Lunch Keynote: Judicial Symposium - A Stronger Judiciary for a Stronger Canada The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General Marc Giroux, Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs			

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1:50–2:50PM	Torts in Family Law David Fraser (McInnes Cooper) & more speakers TBA FAM	2026 Tax Tips & Traps for Estate Practitioners Cody Lohnes (Doane Grant Thornton) & more speakers TBA WET	Trauma-Informed Lawyering Dr. Meg Ternes (Saint Mary's University); Susan MacKay (NS PPS) LIT	Immigration Law TBA MISC
2:50–3:00PM	Health Break – Acadia Foyer			
3:00–4:00PM	Hot Topics in Family Law 2026 Rollie Thompson, KC FAM	Personal Directives Act Jeanne Desveaux, KC; Andrew Nichol (NS Public Trustee) WET	Overview of Charter Litigation Sean Foreman, KC (NS DoJ); Alison Campbell (NS D0J) LIT	You Missed This – Legislative Changes in 2026 TBA MISC

Streams

FAM

Family

WET

Wills, Estates & Trusts

LIT

Litigation

MISC

Miscellaneous