



2026 CRIMINAL LITIGATION SYMPOSIUM

Time	Session	Speaker
8:30 AM	Registration	
8:50 AM	Opening Remarks	Patrick Young (NS PPS)
9:00 AM	Panel 1: Managing a Major Case	Carla Ball, KC (NS PPS); Pat McEwen (MMGD); Justice Patrick Duncan (NSSC)
9:45 AM	Panel 2: Navigating Electronic Evidence	Rob Currie, KC (Dalhousie University); Rob Kennedy, KC (NS PPS); Zeb Brown
10:30 AM	Morning Break	
10:45 AM	Panel 3: Expert Evidence	Anna Mancini (NSLA); Dr. Matt Bowes (NS Chief Medical Examiner); Lee-Ann Conrod (PPS Canada)
11:30 AM	Snapper 1: Circumstantial Evidence	Patrick Young (NS PPS)
11:45 AM	Snapper 2: Principled Exception to Hearsay	Judge Bronwyn Duffy (NSPC)
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Panel 4: Co-Accused Trials	Shauna MacDonald, KC (NS PPS); Stan MacDonald, KC (Stan MacDonald & Associates); Judge Elizabeth Buckle (NSPC)
1:45 PM	Snapper 3: Similar Fact/Bad Character Evidence	Lee Seshagiri (NSLA)
2:00 PM	Snapper 4: Directed Verdicts	Luke Merrimen (NSPC)
2:15 PM	Afternoon Break	
2:30 PM	Panel 5: Jury Trials	Justice Joshua Arnold (NSSC); Scott Morrison (NS PPS); David Mahoney, KC (NSLA)
3:15 PM	Snapper 5: Tips from the Court of Appeal	Justice Carole Beaton (NSCA)
3:35 PM	Snapper 6: Reflections from the Bench	Justice Jamie Campbell (NSSC)
4:00 PM	Reception	