



CANADIAN
BAR ASSOCIATION
Nova Scotia

SCHEDULE

CAPE BRETON BENCH & BAR FORUM

September 18, 2026

Time	Session	Speaker
8:00 AM	Registration Opens	
8:30 AM	Breakfast with the Bench	Chief Justice Michael Wood Chief Justice Deborah Smith Chief Judge Perry Borden
9:45 AM	Morning Break	
10:00 AM	What to Know When Working with Indigenous Clients	Jessie Denny, Mi'kmaw Family & Children's Services of NS
11:00 AM	Succession Planning & Retention in Rural Areas	Rachel Lutz, NSBS
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Wills & Estates Update	Kelly O'Brien, Sampson McPhee
1:45 PM	Family Law Update	Candee McCarthy, Candee McCarthy Law
2:30 PM	Break	
2:45 PM	Criminal Law Update	Rochelle Palmer, NS PPS
3:30 PM	Leveraging Technology for Your Practice	Anna Manley, Manley Law
4:15 PM	Networking Reception	