

# 2026 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

JAN 29 - 30, 2026 | HOTEL SASKATCHEWAN | REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

## RETURN TO THE RULE OF LAW

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>

**7:30 am**

**REGISTRATION / EXHIBITS / HOT BREAKFAST**

Start your day with breakfast and coffee, then join us for an inspiring message from the Minister of Justice!

**8:00 am**

**WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**8:05 am**

**1A BREAKFAST WITH THE MINISTER**

The Honourable Tim McLeod, K.C., Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Saskatchewan

**8:35 am HEALTH BREAK**

**8:45 am**

**2A PRESIDENT'S FORUM: SAFETYISM: THE THREAT TO CIVIL LIBERTIES IN CANADA THROUGH HISTORY AND IN THE FUTURE**

Christin Van Geyn // Canadian Constitutional Foundation  
*Sponsor: SPM Law*

**10:15 am HEALTH BREAK**

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS – CHOOSE ONE

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**10:30 am**

**3A GETTING IT RIGHT: STRATEGIES FOR CONTRIBUTING TO INDIGENOUS SUCCESS THROUGH URBAN RESERVES AND MORE**

Josh Morrison // MLT Aikins LLP

Allan Brabant // Brabant & Company Law

Chelsea Low // Acting Director of Indigenous Relations, City of Regina

Sonia Eggerman // MLT Aikins – *Moderator*

Ensuring the success of Indigenous people and business are key to the successful future of our communities. Learn about the strategies being created through initiatives and legal structures to contribute to and support Indigenous success.

**3B CHANGING THE RULES: NAVIGATING TRADE AND TARIFF TURBULENCE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES**

Scott Masson // MLT Aikins LLP

Chad Eggerman // Procido LLP

Growing tensions and changing rules in trade relations pose risk to the prosperity of Saskatchewan – and your clients. This session will explore the importance of trade to Saskatchewan, ways forward in rebuilding relations and finding new opportunities, and protecting your clients from risk.



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### **3C DON'T STRESS, FIND SUCCESS: MODERN LAW FIRM MANAGEMENT**

Kurt E. Schlachter, K.C. // CEO, Stringam Law

Carla Carlson // Stringam Law, Swift Current office

Talon Regent // Stringam Law, Moose Jaw office

An in-depth session exploring innovative strategies, technology integration, and best practices for modern law firm management tailored to Saskatchewan's legal landscape.

### **12:30 pm DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD LUNCH**

Join us for a special luncheon honoring an individual whose exemplary service has made a lasting impact in Saskatchewan.

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### **2:00 pm HEALTH BREAK**

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#### **2:15 pm**

### **4A THE SASKATCHEWAN SOLICITORS' M&A TOOLBOX: PRACTICAL ETHICS AND ASPECTS - EMPLOYMENT MATTERS TO CLOSINGS & EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN**

James Sproule, K.C. // McKercher LLP

Erin Eccleston // MLT Aikins LLP

This session offers a solicitor's M&A "toolbox," covering key ethical points like trust letters and candor, followed by essential employment issues such as consulting agreements, non-competes and liability for termination. The session will finish with a practical potpourri of deal mechanics, including vendor take-back financing, holdbacks, indemnities and limits of liability.

### **4B Advocacy and Effective Legal Writing: A Litigation Workshop**

Justice Caldwell // Saskatchewan Court of Appeal

Justice from the Court of King's Bench

Lauren Wihak, K.C. // McDougall Gauley LLP – *Moderator*

This workshop will be focused on effective written advocacy, from members of the judiciary as well as a seasoned advocate. This will include a round-table panel discussion regarding persuasive and effective written advocacy, as well as a workshop component wherein the panelists work through demonstrative examples of effective legal writing.

### **4:30 pm BENCH & BAR RECEPTION**

Connect with distinguished judges and leading lawyers at the Bench & Bar Reception—a vibrant evening dedicated to collegiality, networking, and celebrating excellence in justice. Build bridges across the legal community and strengthen the vital partnership between the bench and the bar in a welcoming atmosphere.

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### **7:30 am HOT BREAKFAST**

Start your day with breakfast, coffee, and connect with your colleagues!

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#### **8:00 am**

### **5A Navigating the Grey: Ethics in Modern Legal Practice**

Andy Chiang // Chiang Consulting

Randy Sandbeck, K.C. // OWZW Lawyers

Sarah Buhler // Professor, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan

Carly Romanow // Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan

### **5B The Anatomy of a Financing Transaction**

Ryan Laidlaw // McDougall Gauley LLP

Eric Johnson // Miller Thomson LLP

Samer Awadh // MLT Aikins LLP

This session provides a practical walkthrough of a typical commercial financing transaction, from initial term sheet to closing. Our presenters will outline key stages, common documentation, and critical considerations for lawyers advising on these deals. We'll also explore special topics, including financing farmland acquisitions, construction projects, and renewable energy developments. Designed for practitioners seeking both foundational insights and nuanced strategies, this two-hour session combines structure with real-world complexity.

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**5C Professional Misconduct and Criminal Liability:  
The Crossroads of Regulatory and Criminal Law**

Connor Clyde // McKercher LLP

Meagan Ward // Ward Mischuk Thomson LLP

Darren Kraushaar // McDougall Gauley LLP

Allison Graham // MLT Aikins LLP -- *Moderator*

Practitioners will speak to the current interests in professional regulatory and criminal law, with a particular focus on where they interconnect and considerations that apply in both arenas.

**10:00 am HEALTH BREAK**

**10:15 am**

**6A BOB PELTON MEMORIAL LECTURE: VOICES THAT  
MATTER: DRIVING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FROM THE GROUND UP**

Chantelle Johnson // CLASSIC

TBC // Elizabeth Fry Society

TBC // John Howard Society

TBC // Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan

Anthony Thera // McKercher LLP -- *Moderator*

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**12:15 pm CLOSING & LUNCH**

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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**REGISTRATION**

Register Online at [www.cbasask.org](http://www.cbasask.org)

For login assistance, email: [info@cbasask.org](mailto:info@cbasask.org), or call the Branch 306-244-3898 (Saskatoon) or 1-800-424-8288.

**Member: \$545 Non-Member: \$995**

**ACCOMMODATION**

The Hotel Saskatchewan, Autograph Collection is Offering Your Special Group Rate: \$179 CAD per night

Link on Registration Page. Booking Deadline: **December 30, 2025**

**REFUND POLICY**

Cancellation must be received by January 21, 2026, for a refund of the registration fee.

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