

The Advocates' Society

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Mr. Christopher Beckett
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Dear Christopher:

Re: Fall Forum 2006 – September 29 & 30, 2006

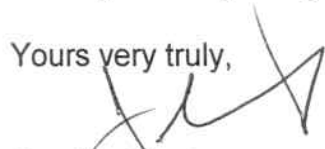
On behalf of The Advocates' Society, Conference Chairs Sonia Bjorkquist and David Messam, and the full Organizing Committee, thank you for speaking and acting as a mentor at Fall Forum 2006.

Feedback from the conference was excellent. Many participants commented on how much they enjoyed the Lead Lawyer panel. Allow me to share some of the comments we received:

- Excellent program!
- Mentoring roundtables were great. It was helpful to hear suggestions from the other counsel for dealing with concerns or doubts that junior counsel have.
- I liked the younger panelists ability to make the presentations relevant.
- Really pleased with practical tips/advice on advocacy practice from experienced counsel and the bench.
- Leading lawyer panel with moderator was excellent.
- Excellent networking opportunities with senior practitioners, the bench and peers.

Thank you once again for everything you did to help make the conference a success. We look forward to presenting similar events in the future and I hope that we may call on you again at that time.

Yours very truly,



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Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (Primary Program)

Panorama

11:30 – 1:00

Conference Registration & Buffet Lunch

Whistler/Blackcomb Room

1:00 – 1:10

Welcome by TAS President
Michael E. Barrack, *McCarthy Tétrault LLP*

1:10 – 1:20

Introductory Remarks by Chairs
Sonia Bjorkquist, *Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP*

1:20 – 1:40

What it Means to be a Good Advocate TAB 1
Benjamin Zarnett, *Goodmans LLP*

1:40 – 2:15

Instant Mentor: 10 Practice Pointers for New Litigators TAB 2
“Evidentiary Issues at Trial/Objections”
Hon. Justice David L. Corbett, *Superior Court of Justice (Milton)*
“Motions Practice”
Master Robert Beaudoin, *Superior Court of Justice (Ottawa)*
“Best Practices for Dealing with Experts”
Peter H. Griffin, *Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP*

2:15 – 2:45

The Language of Persuasion: Effective Oral & Written Advocacy TAB 3
Hon. Justice John I. Laskin, *Court of Appeal for Ontario*

2:45 – 3:00

Networking Break

3:00 – 3:30

Advocacy Demonstration: How to Conduct Better Cross-examinations TAB 4
Linda Rothstein, *LSM, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP (as counsel)*
Hon. Justice Mary Sanderson, *Superior Court of Justice (presiding)*
Jonathan Robbins (as witness)

3:30 – 4:00

Becoming a Lead Lawyer: From Lawyers on the Rise TAB 5
Christopher Beckett, *Ledroit Beckett (London)*
Marie T. Henein, *Henein & Associates*
Jessica A. Kimmel, *Goodmans LLP*
Moderator: Andrew Murray, *Lerners LLP (London)*

4:00 – 4:45

Mentoring Round Table: Common Discovery Dilemmas & Solutions TAB 6
Introduction by Adrian C. Lang, *Stikeman Elliott LLP*
Judges, Masters and experienced advocates lead small group discussions of difficult practice issues and suggested solutions. Hypothetical scenarios keep things relaxed.

4:45 – 5:00

Closing Remarks by Chairs
David Messam, *Lawson McGrenere LLP*