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THE 22ND ANNUAL COURSE ON WRITTEN ADVOCACY

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- Expert instruction on how to improve written argument from a team of trial and appellate judges, writing professionals and top legal practitioners
- Small “hands-on” breakout groups with a maximum of eight participants
- Individual feedback and critique of your writing
- Valuable tips you can use to immediately improve the precision, strength and persuasiveness of your legal writing
- Advice on how best to engage the reader who counts – the judge
- Insight from a panel of judges on what works and what to avoid

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Keynote Speaker

The Hon. Justice
Kathryn N. Feldman
Court of Appeal for Ontario

Lead Instructor

Stephen V. Armstrong
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Program Details

DATE AND TIME:

OCTOBER 26 - 27, 2018

8:30 A.M. - 5:45 P.M. (DAY ONE)

9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. (DAY TWO)

LOCATION

**Osgoode Professional
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1 Dundas St. West, 26th Floor
Toronto, ON

Interactive in-person program!



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Agenda

Day One: Friday, October 26, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

Special Keynote Address

The Hon. Justice Kathryn N. Feldman,
Court of Appeal for Ontario

9:00 a.m.

Creating Clarity from Start to Finish

Stephen V. Armstrong, Armstrong Talent Development

Stephen Armstrong will take you through the principles of clarity and apply them to a factum's overview.

10:15 a.m.

Refreshment Break

10:30 a.m.

Small Breakout Groups: Writing Effective Overviews

Your coaches – a judge, a writing professional and an experienced litigator – will lead a workshop on how to craft a persuasive overview.

12:30 p.m.

Luncheon

1:00 p.m.

Arguing the *Facts* in Your Factum

Stephen V. Armstrong, Armstrong Talent Development

1:30 p.m.

Arguing the *Law* in Your Factum

Megan Shortreed
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

2:00 p.m.

Refreshment Break

2:15 p.m.

Small Breakout Groups: Writing Persuasive Facts

Building on the previous sessions, this breakout group will focus on methods for the effective presentation of the facts and law in a factum or written argument.

4:00 p.m.

Individual Writing Exercises

Participants who use computers to draft may wish to bring their laptop computers to use during the workshop. Please ensure your writing sample is preloaded.

5:45 p.m.

Writing Exercises Submitted for Overnight Review by Coaches - Course Adjourns until Saturday

Day Two: Saturday, October 27, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

Style: Grace, Strength and Clarity

Dr. Barbara Morris, Humber College

Learn the elements of style that will make your prose clear and forceful for the reader who counts – the judge.

10:00 a.m.

Writer's Block

Margaret L. Waddell, Waddell Phillips Professional Corp.

10:15 a.m.

Refreshment Break

10:30 a.m.

Small Breakout Groups: Style

Through writing and editing exercises and discussion, you will focus on the strength and clarity of your writing at the sentence and paragraph level.

11:45 a.m.

Lunch Available

12:00 p.m.

**Luncheon: Judges' Panel
What Works, and What Drives Us Crazy!**

Moderator

The Hon. Justice David L. Corbett,
Superior Court of Justice

12:45 p.m.

Small Breakout Groups: Individual Feedback

Faculty will provide commentary on your writing sample and editing exercises. The focus is on practical advice and guidance that will improve the effectiveness of your legal writing.

Note: A 15 minute floating break will be taken.

3:30 p.m.

Course Concludes

Justice Marvin Catzman Bursary Fund

This bursary was created in memory of Justice Catzman, whose commitment to improving legal writing was underscored by his participation in the Written Advocacy program. It provides a candidate who would not otherwise be able to attend the program due to financial constraints, full admission to the program. To apply, send a CV, a cover letter, and a copy of your previous year's tax return by September 7, 2018 to:

Gail Geronimo
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Osgoode Professional Development
1 Dundas Street W. 26th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 1Z3

MANDATORY WRITING SAMPLE

By September 26, 2018
you **MUST**:

a) Mail **one (1) copy** of a sample of your legal writing to: Osgoode Professional Development, 1 Dundas St. West, 26th Floor, Toronto, ON M5G 1Z3, Attention: Anita Leung

b) AND email writtenadvocacy@osgoode.yorku.ca a copy of the same sample. Please save the file as your name.

WHAT TO SEND:

- Given the structure of the program, we recommend that you submit a factum. A factum on behalf of the applicant, appellant or moving party is preferred, but if necessary, a respondent's factum is acceptable.
- If you have not yet written a factum, a written argument or other court submission is also acceptable.
- Articles and/or other written legal and non-legal documents are not acceptable.

- It is imperative that the sample **not** relate to matters currently before the courts – no exceptions.
- Please email writtenadvocacy@osgoode.yorku.ca if you have any questions or concerns about your writing sample.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The writing sample should be stapled (not bound).
- Your name **MUST BE** clearly marked on the **front page of the sample**.
- Do not include supplementary documentation and appendices.
- Participants who use computers to draft may wish to bring a fully charged laptop computer to use during the workshop. Ensure your writing sample is preloaded on your computer and if possible, bring a USB key to save your edited sample during the program.

Registration Details

Fee per Delegate **\$1,795 plus HST**

Fees include attendance, program materials, continental breakfast, lunch and break refreshments. Group discounts are available. Visit www.osgoodepd.ca/group-discounts for details. Please inquire about financial assistance.

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