



Conference Schedule

September 27-30, 2018

Inn at the Quay

New Westminster, BC

***The 2018 National Conference has been approved for CPD credits;
Please refer to the Conference Guide for further CPD Information**

Schedule is tentative and subject to change

Time	THURSDAY, September 27, 2018	CPDs	Location
6:00 PM	Registration Opens		Hyack Lobby
6:15 PM - 6:50 PM	Meet & Greet (Refreshments provided. <u>Symposium</u> attendees join with CLF Conference attendees)		Hyack
6:50 PM - 7:00 PM	Formal Opening of National Conference (Derek Ross)		Hyack
7:00 PM - 7:45 PM	Opening Address: Justice John C. (Jack) Major, Q.C. Stare Decisis <i>Justice John C. (Jack) Major, Q.C., former Supreme Court of Canada judge, will lead a discussion on the doctrine of stare decisis.</i>	0.75 Substantive (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Hyack
7:45 PM - 7:55 PM	BREAK		
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Faith & Politics Panel and Young Lawyer/Law Student Mixer Ms. Elizabeth May (MP, Saanich—Gulf Islands) & Mr. Garnett Genuis (MP, Sherwood Park—Fort Saskatchewan) <i>Note: While this event is especially intended for law students and young lawyers, all conference attendees are encouraged to attend and participate in this discussion about faith and political engagement.</i>		Hyack
	Free Time, Fellowship & Dinner on your Own <i>Please see the Conference Guide for suggested restaurants and activities.</i>		
10:00 PM - ?	Late-Night Student Fellowship - TBA (Shawn Knights)		TBA
Time	FRIDAY, September 28, 2018	CPDs	Location
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Corporate Prayer (Colleen Sumner)		Riverside
7:45 AM - 8:25 AM	Registration and Breakfast		Hyack

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Worship (Peter Anderson) & Devotional (CLF Chaplain, Rev. Reid Cooke)		Hyack
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome / Opening Comments (Derek Ross)		Hyack
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Session 1: Dean Robert Vischer Christian Perspectives on Law (and Why They Matter) <i>In this session, Dean Vischer will suggest several foundational principles that should underlie a Christian's engagement with law. This session will also take time to discuss whether and how faith might shape a Christian lawyer's response to ethical dilemmas.</i>	0.25 Ethics; 0.50 Substantive (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Hyack
10:00 AM - 10:10AM	BREAK		
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Session 2: Breakout Option I: Strengthening our Public Christian Witness in Canada (Bruce Clemenger, Barry Bussey & Derek Ross) <i>This panel will explore collaborative efforts by Christian ministries in Canada, particularly those engaged in court interventions and public consultations surrounding issues of importance to the Christian voice in the Church, law, academia, and public square.</i>		Hyack
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Session 2: Breakout Option II: SCC & SCOTUS: A Constitutional Comparison of Recent Religious Freedom Decisions (Prof. Matthew Harrington) <i>This session will provide a constitutional analysis of recent religious freedom decisions from the Supreme Court of the United States and compare them to those of the Supreme Court of Canada. This session deals with substantive law issues in the area of Constitutional Law.</i>	0.50 Substantive (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Riverside
11:00 AM - 11:10 PM	BREAK		
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Session 3: Breakout Option I: Charity Law Update (Luke Johnson & Aaron Oh) <i>This session will provide a high-level review of trends and recent developments in the area of Charity law, and will consider the application of recent legislation and case law in this context.</i>	0.75 Substantive (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Hyack
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Session 3: Breakout Option II: Christianity & Diversity (Stephen Hsia, Dean Robert Vischer & Sarah Mix-Ross) <i>This session will explore diversity, human rights, anti-racism, and other issues that arise within the legal context, exploring questions such as, "Why is diversity a social good to be advanced, and how can it be done, specifically in the legal profession?"; "What are some of the challenges facing the legal profession in this area?"; and "How do we pursue justice and diversity in harmony with Christian religious viewpoints?"</i>	0.75 Ethics (BC, SK)	Riverside
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	SERVICE OF LUNCH <i>Please serve yourself lunch and find a seat for the AGM.</i>		Hyack
12:15 PM - 1:55 PM	Annual General Meeting (All members to attend) <i>Please enjoy your lunch during the AGM. Spouses are encouraged to attend.</i>		Hyack
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Session 4: Breakout Option I: Christian Approaches to Indigenous Rights and Reconciliation (Prof. Dwight Newman) <i>Questions related to Indigenous rights and reconciliation pose challenging questions for all Canadians. This presentation will wrestle with some of the particular ways Christian lawyers may want to think about these questions. Part of the presentation will include ethics/professionalism content on fiduciary obligations and lawyers' obligations in cross-cultural contexts.</i>	0.25 Ethics; 0.75 Substantive (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Hyack
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Session 4: Breakout Option II: How to Navigate Your First 5, 10, and 20 years of Practice (Geoffrey Cowper, Q.C., Benjamin Ferland & Jessica Lo) <i>This session focuses on practical advice for lawyers on confronting and effectively dealing with ethical dilemmas and other professional responsibilities, as well as suggestions for optimal practice management in legal practice.</i>	1.00 Ethics (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Riverside
3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	BREAK		

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	Session 5: Prof. Dr. John Warwick Montgomery A Lawyer's Defence of Christianity <i>Lawyer, professor, and author Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, discusses the Christian faith from a lawyer's perspective, including the reliability of the historical and legal evidence of eyewitnesses during Biblical times.</i>	0.75 Substantive (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Hyack
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Announcements/Break		
4:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Free Time, Fellowship & Dinner on your Own <i>Please see the Conference Guide for suggested restaurants and activities.</i>		
9:30 PM - ?	Late-Night Student Fellowship – TBA (Shawn Knights)		
Time	SATURDAY, September 29, 2018	CPDs	Location
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Corporate Prayer (Colleen Sumner)		Riverside
7:45 AM - 8:25 AM	Registration and Breakfast		Hyack
8:30 AM - 8:55 AM	Worship (Peter Anderson) & Devotional (CLF Chaplain, Rev. Reid Cooke)		Hyack
8:55 AM - 9:00 AM	Welcome/Announcements (Derek Ross)		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Session 6: Religious Freedom in Canada: A Coast-to-Coast Update (Deina Warren, Derek Ross & André Schutten) <i>This session will deal with substantive legal issues related to recent religious freedom cases and legislation. This session will deal extensively with Constitutional, Administrative, and Charity law.</i>	1.00 Substantive (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Hyack
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	BREAK		
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Session 7: The Hon. Justice Paul R. Jeffrey Civility and Advocacy Post-Groia <i>A judicial perspective on civility versus "resolute advocacy" in the courtroom — about meeting concurrent professional duties to client, court and profession that at any given time can come into conflict. This session includes a quick refresher on judicial review, since the SCC's decision in Groia arose in that context.</i>	1.00 Ethics (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Hyack
11:15 AM - 11:25 AM	BREAK		
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Session 8: Breakout Option 1 – How to be a Christian Witness in a Fear-Driven Culture (Dean Robert Vischer) <i>This session will explore how Christian lawyers can rise above the fear that seems to pervade our politics, pop culture, parenting, communities, and sometimes even our churches. Are Christian lawyers equipped to challenge a fear-driven culture? This session will explore Romans 12, which provides a roadmap for lawyers.</i>		Hyack
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Session 8: Breakout Option 2 – Contentment and Consecration in the Christian Lawyer's Work (Phebe Chan, K.R. Davidson & Dawson McKay) <i>In this session, a panel of legal professionals will discuss work/life balance, drawing from their own experiences to provide insight and share strategies with attendees for fulfilling their vocational calling as a lawyer while meeting personal, spiritual, and familial demands.</i>	0.75 Ethics (ON, SK, NB)	Riverside
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Group Photo (Please remove nametags.)		Hotel Lobby
12:30 PM - 1:25 PM	LUNCH <i>Student break-out session: Please serve yourself lunch and attend a discussion on "Engaging Your Law School"</i> (Shawn Knights & K.R. Davidson)		Hyack Students - Riverside

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Session 9: The TWU Decision: Implications for Charter Freedoms in Canada (Kevin Boonstra, Gwendoline Allison & Derek Ross) <i>This session will provide information on the recent Trinity Western Supreme Court of Canada decisions and their implications for Charter freedoms in Canada specifically related to religious freedom litigation. This session deals extensively with substantive law issues in the area of Constitutional Law, using a particular case for application.</i>	1.00 Substantive (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Hyack
2:30 PM - 2:40 PM	BREAK		
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	Session 10: Breakout Option I: Mary Anne Waldron, Q.C., Robert Reynolds & Derek Ross Euthanasia Update: End-of-Life Care & the Law <i>With the growing interplay between the legal and medical professions, this session will consider the practical implications of recent legislation and case law surrounding MAID on the practice of medicine, end of life care decision making, medical ethics, religious freedom and conscience rights, and issues legal professionals will need to be mindful of in advising clients on this topic.</i>	0.75 Substantive (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Hyack
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	Session 10: Breakout Option II: "Engaging Your Law School" (Shawn Knights & K.R. Davidson)		Riverside
3:30 PM - 3:40 PM	BREAK		
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	Session 11: Prof. Dr. John Warwick Montgomery No Religion, No Human Rights <i>This session will explore the history and development of human rights in Canada and internationally, and will trace the development of human rights alongside Christianity.</i>	0.75 Substantive (ON, BC, SK, NB)	Hyack
4:30 PM - 6:15 PM	Free time - <i>Sponsorship students to assist with banquet set-up</i>		
6:15 PM - 10:30 PM	Celebration Banquet: Pastor Chris Karuhije We Were Royal Refugees <i>A former refugee, Chris and his family miraculously escaped the Rwandan Genocide where over 8000 men, women and children were killed every day for 100 days. He is the author of "We Were Royal Refugees: How One Family Survived the Mass Slaughter in Rwanda". His story of survival, purpose and forgiveness is both intense and inspiring. See more at p. 13 herein.</i>		Hyack
10:30 PM - ?	<i>Note: Sponsorship students to assist with banquet tear-down</i>		
Time	SUNDAY, September 30, 2018	CPDs	Location
8:30 AM - 9:25 AM	Breakfast		Hyack
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Worship Service & Celebration of Chaplaincy Ministry (CLF Chaplain, Rev. Reid & Esther Cooke)		Hyack
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Closing Prayer/Departure		Hyack