



# The Advocates' Society La Société des plaideurs

## ADVOCACY SKILLS TRAINING SERIES FOR MEMBERS OF ROUNDTABLE OF DIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS

*Organized in collaboration with the Court of Appeal for Ontario and The Advocates' Society*

### Overview

This three-part series is designed to provide skills training and mentoring to advocates from communities represented in the Roundtable of Diversity Associations (RODA) and to educate faculty about the unique issues facing advocates from these communities. The desired outcomes of this program are:

- To foster an environment for continued, meaningful dialogue between communities represented in RODA, the bench, and other members of the bar.
- To provide communities represented in RODA with a unique training and mentoring opportunity that will enhance their advocacy skills, and provide them with practical advocacy tips and strategies that can be incorporated into their practices.

This three-part program is limited to 32 participants who have been invited to participate on recommendation of their RODA organization. **All participants must commit to attending all three parts of the program.** This program is best suited for advocates in their third to tenth year of practice, based in Ontario, who are members of communities represented in RODA, who have had inadequate opportunities for trial advocacy skills training and mentoring. Faculty will include judges of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, the Superior Court of Justice, the Ontario Court of Justice, The Advocates' Society's skills instructors, and senior members of organizations represented in RODA.

The total cost to attend the entire series is **\$175 + HST**.

### **Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm: Town Hall**

*Format: Live Online via Zoom Meetings*

The Town Hall will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss their experiences in the justice system and for faculty to learn about these experiences. A panel discussion will be followed by an "open mic" forum. Participants may bring questions and comments or submit them anonymously in advance. Discussion points from the Town Hall will be used to help generate topics for the Mentoring Dinner. *[Estimated Eligible CPD Hours\*: 2.0 EDI Professionalism Hours]*



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## **Thursday, February 24, 2022, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Mentoring Dinner**

*Format: Live Online or In Person, TBD*

The Mentoring Dinner will feature a panel discussion followed by a series of roundtable discussions where faculty members will act as mentors. Participants will be encouraged to share their views on the topics and solicit general or practice-specific advice from mentors, including about relevant advocacy tools and skills. Discussion points from the Mentoring Dinner, as well as the Town Hall, will help to inform the Advocacy Skills Training Program.

*[Estimated Eligible CPD Hours\*: 1.0 EDI Professionalism Hour; 1.0 Professionalism Hour]*

## **Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm OR Saturday, April 30, 2022, 9:00am – 5:00 pm Advocacy Skills Training Program**

*Format: In Person, TBD*

The Advocacy Skills Training Program will allow participants to develop, improve and hone their advocacy skills. Participants will prepare and practise their advocacy skills based on a simulated case file and receive immediate feedback from faculty.

*[Estimated Eligible CPD Hours\*: At least 0.5 EDI Professionalism Hour; 0.5 Professionalism Hour; 2.5 Substantive Hour]*

*\* These estimates are subject to confirmation as the program draws nearer.*



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