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DATES & TIMES

November 19 - 20, 2010

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Day One)

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Day Two)

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Agenda

Day One: Friday, November 19, 2010

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Special Keynote Address

The Hon. Justice Thomas A. Cromwell
Supreme Court of Canada

9:00 Creating Clarity from Start to Finish

Stephen V. Armstrong, Legal Writing Instructor

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

10:15 Refreshment Break

10:30 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 Luncheon

1:15 Tips: Ten Tips for Tired Eyes

Jane Griesdorf, The Writing Consultants

1:30 Arguing the Facts and the Law

Professor Emeritus Edward Berry, University of Victoria

2:15 Small Breakout Groups: Writing Persuasive Facts/Law

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

3:30 Individual Writing Exercises

5:30 Writing Exercises Submitted for Overnight Review by Coaches - Course Adjourns Until Saturday

Day Two: Saturday, November 20, 2010

8:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Style: Grace, Strength and Clarity

Stephen V. Armstrong, Legal Writing Instructor

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

10:30 Writer's Block

Wendy Matheson, Torys LLP

10:45 Refreshment Break

11:00 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.

12:15 Luncheon - Judges' Panel What Works, and What Drives Us Crazy!

Moderator

The Hon. Justice Paul M. Perell
Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)

1:00 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 all your legal submissions.

NOTE: A 15 minute floating break will be taken during this session.

4:00 Course Concludes

Writing Sample Required

By **October 22, 2010** you **MUST** submit twelve (12) copies of one sample of your legal writing to:

Heather Gore
Program and Business Development Lawyer
Osgoode Professional Development
1 Dundas St. West, 26th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 1Z3

Given the structure of the program, we recommend you submit a factum on behalf of the applicant, appellant or moving party. A respondent's factum is also acceptable, but not encouraged. It is imperative that the sample not relate to matters currently before the courts. If necessary, all identifiable information can be blacked out or changed.

The writing sample should be stapled with your name clearly marked on the front page. You do not have to include supplementary documentation and appendices. You must bring one (1) copy of your sample with you to edit during the course. Participants who use computers to draft may wish to bring their notebook computers to use during the workshop.

If you have not yet written a factum, written argument or other court submissions are also acceptable. Articles and/or other written prose are not acceptable. If necessary, you can contact Heather Gore at 416.597.8847 or hgore@osgoode.yorku.ca to discuss what other material may be appropriate.

Registration

Please complete all registrant information.

Register me for:

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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 gives one lawyer a year, 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 persuasive cover letter, and a copy of your previous year's tax return, by September 29, 2010 to:

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We will make every effort to present the program as advertised, but it may be necessary to change the date, location, speakers or content with little or no notice. In the event of program cancellation, York University's and Osgoode Hall Law School's liability is limited to reimbursement of paid fees.

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