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Speaker Bios : Tribunals and the *Charter* Webinar

Justice Peter D. Lauwers

Justice Peter Lauwers was appointed to the Court of Appeal for Ontario on December 13, 2012, having served on the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario in Central East Region since July, 2008. He presided over cases in all the areas of the Superior Court's operations including civil, criminal, family, and class actions. He also served on the Divisional Court.

Before being appointed, Justice Lauwers was a partner at Miller Thomson LLP. He practised in the areas of civil litigation, constitutional law, human rights, and administrative law including education, municipal and labour law and appeared at every level of court including the Supreme Court of Canada.

As a lawyer Justice Lauwers lectured in his areas of expertise to, among others, the Canadian Institute, Insight, the Canadian Bar Association, the Ontario Bar Association, the Centre for Cultural Renewal, McGill University, and the Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy, and published widely.

Since his judicial appointment Justice Lauwers has spoken at events sponsored by the Ontario Bar Association, the Advocates' Society, the Ontario Trial Lawyers' Association, the Canadian Defence Lawyers, Osgoode Hall Law School, the Medico-Legal Society of Toronto, the Ontario Human Rights Commission, and the National Judicial Institute.

Justice Lauwers received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Toronto in 1978 and a Master of Laws from Osgoode Hall Law School of York University in 1983. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1980.

Paul Daly

Paul Daly is the University Research Chair in Administrative Law & Governance at the University of Ottawa. A leading scholar of public law in the common-law world, his work on judicial review, reasonableness, and the culture of justification has shaped academic debate and judicial decision-making across multiple jurisdictions. He is the author of several major monographs published by Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, and UBC Press, most recently *A Culture of Justification: Vavilov and the Future of Canadian Administrative Law* (2023), shortlisted for the Walter Owen Book Prize.

Professor Daly's scholarship — including his long-running blog *Administrative Law Matters* — has been cited over 200 times by courts in Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and Israel, including numerous appellate and supreme courts. These citations include more than 50 separate books and articles. He is widely regarded as one of Canada's foremost authorities on administrative law and the modern administrative state.

Bilingual in English and French, Professor Daly is a frequent speaker at conferences, judicial-education programs, and continuing legal-education events across Canada and internationally. He has appeared as counsel in both official languages at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada, in precedent-setting public-law cases. He also regularly advises administrative tribunals and agencies on compliance with administrative law principles and best practice. Before joining the University of Ottawa, he held faculty appointments at the University of Cambridge and the Université de Montréal. He has held visiting positions at Harvard Law School, Université Paris II – Panthéon-Assas, Louvain Global College of Law, Trinity College Dublin, and the Law Reform Commission of Ireland. Since 2019 he has served as a part-time member of the Environmental Protection Tribunal of Canada.

Meera Bennett

Meera Bennett is a deputy supervisor for the judicial review and constitutional law subsections in the litigation group at the Legal Services Branch at the Ministry of the Attorney General. Meera has a varied legal practice which includes advising on legislative amendments and policy, advising a wide array of administrative decision-makers, and an appellate focused litigation practice. Meera is a regular contributing author to the Continuing Legal Education Society's Annual Review of Law & Practice, and the Administrative Law Manual, and CanLii's Manual to British Columbia

Civil Litigation. Meera frequently presents on administrative law issues in a variety of forums and is the co-president of the BC Council of Administrative Tribunals. Meera has a strong commitment to mentorship, and brings an intersectional feminist lens to all of her work.