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FACULTY



Ronald Poulton, POULTON LAW OFFICE

Ronald Poulton is considered one of Canada's leading immigration lawyers. He has acted as counsel at the Supreme Court of Canada, Federal and Ontario Courts of Appeal and Federal Court Trial Division in some of the most prominent cases in Canadian immigration law. He has lectured in immigration law, testified before a Parliamentary Committee on Immigration issues and before an international human rights organization investigating Canada's treatment of non-citizens.



Karen Kwan Anderson, PACE LAW FIRM

Karen earned an Honours B.A. in Sociology at the University of Toronto in 1994 and an LL.B. from the University of Windsor in 1999. She articulated with Pace Law Firm and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2001. Karen has over ten years of litigation experience, advocating on behalf of clients before the Federal Court and at all levels of the Immigration and Refugee Board, including detention reviews and refugee hearings; appeals of refusals based on residency obligations, medical inadmissibility, and the bona fides of marriage; and appeals of deportation orders.



Sergio Karas, KARAS.CA

Sergio R. Karas, B.A., J.D., is a Canadian lawyer (Barrister and Solicitor) Certified Specialist in Canadian Citizenship and Immigration Law by the Law Society of Upper Canada and internationally recognized expert in Canadian immigration law. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mr. Karas has helped hundreds of people successfully establish themselves in Canada. He has been involved with many widely reported, high profile cases. He represents individuals and multinational corporations to achieve their immigration objectives and implement successful relocation strategies.



Steven Tress, STEVENTRESS.COM

Steven Tress is a Canadian Immigration Lawyer with a law practice in Toronto. He graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1986 and was called to the bar in Ontario in 1988. With over 23 years experience, he represents clients in all types of immigration matters, both inside and outside Canada, as well as appeals from various types of decisions of Citizenship and Immigration Canada or the Canada Border Services Agency to the Federal Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.



Joel S. Guberman, GUBERMAN GARSON

Joel is a senior partner and has been practicing in the field of immigration law for over twenty-five years. According to the most recent "International Who's Who of Business Lawyers" (the official research partner of the International Bar Association) "Joel Guberman is according to findings, the leading lawyer in Canada for corporate immigration matters" and is on its "most highly regarded individuals" list internationally.

IMMIGRATION LAW: Practice Primers for Today's Practitioner

For lawyers involved in immigration law, this conference will provide valuable updates on matters such as medical inadmissibility, the modalities of business immigration, ethics and professionalism, as well as issues relating to the Canada-US border, among other topics.

Covering a wide swath of indispensable immigration law practice topics over the course of one information-packed day, attendance is indispensable for actors involved in the law, business and facilitation of Canadian immigration. The conference will include opportunities for debate, dialogue and answers between attendees and faculty.

A Sampling Of Issues To Be Addressed:

- Medical inadmissibility
- Professionalism in the presentation of cases at the Immigration and Refugee Board
- Business immigration
- Ethical red flags in the practice of immigration law
- Work and the Canada-US border

Who Should Attend:

- Lawyers practicing or providing advice to clients in the area of immigration law
- Lawyers intent on gaining a broad knowledge of pertinent aspects of immigration law
- Lawyers intent on furthering their grasp of ethical or professionalism issues in the practice of immigration law
- Legal & other academics, as well as bureaucrats focused on immigration from the perspectives of law and social policy

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9:00 Welcome and Introduction

9:10 Why is "work" a four-letter word when crossing the Canada-U.S. Border?
Joel S. Guberman, GUBERMAN GARSON

10:10 Questions and Discussion

10:25 Practice Primers for the Immigration Practitioner:
-Professionalism in the Presentation of Cases at the Immigration &
Refugee Board, and
-Best Practices in File & Record-Keeping
Karen Kwan Anderson, PACE LAW FIRM

11:25 Questions and Discussion

11:40 Lunch Adjournment

12:30 Ethical Considerations in Immigration Practice
Steven Tress, STEVENTRESS.COM

1:30 Questions and Discussion

1:45 Refreshment Adjournment

2:00 Business Immigration
Sergio Karas, KARAS.CA

3:00 Questions and Discussion

3:15 Medical Inadmissibility
Ronald Poulton, POULTON LAW OFFICE

4:15 Questions and Discussion

4:30 Closing Remarks

4:40 Conference Concludes

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INFORMATION

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4. Fax: send the form below to 1.800.278.3170
5. Mail: mail the form below to The Commons Institute, 407 Laurier Avenue West, PO Box 56062, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 7Z0

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 EARLY BIRD: 4 or more persons: \$385 + HST of \$50.05 = \$435.05 per person
 REGULAR: Per person: \$585 + HST of \$76.05 = \$661.05
 REGULAR: 4 or more persons: \$485 + HST of \$63.05 = \$548.05 per person

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