

BRAIDING DIVERSITY INTO JUSTICE – March 25, 2025
Waterloo Region Courthouse, 85 Frederick Street, Kitchener, ON

8:30-8:55am Registration	Jury Assembly Room (second floor) Morning snacks and refreshments – sponsored by LexisNexis
8:30-3:30pm Robing Photobooth	Jury Assembly Room (second floor) Participants can try on Barristers robes and take photos!
9:00-10:05am Welcome, Introductions and Keynote	Courtroom LL01 MC – Mara Clarke Welcome – Justice Braid (9-9:05am) Opening – Elder Donna Dubie with Healing of the Seven Generations (9:05-9:15am) Introductions & Brief Job Descriptions of Registrar; Court Reporter; CSO; Supervisor of Court Operations; Court Security Officer; Crown Attorney; Armin Sethi to describe her Barrister's robes and mention Robing Photobooth in Jury Assembly Room (9:15-9:25am) Keynote Speech – Denise Dwyer (former Crown & Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous Education and Well-Being) (9:25-9:55am) Q&A for Denise Dwyer (Mara Clarke moderates) (9:55-10:05am)
10:05-10:45am Chat with Justice Braid & Friends	Courtroom LL01 <u>Panel:</u> Justice Braid, Superior Court of Justice, Kitchener Kerri Rice, Paralegal and Supervisor of Court Operations, Kitchener Armin Sethi, Crown Attorney, Kitchener Shermeen Khan, Manager of Accessible Learning at Conestoga College Raman De Souza, Family Lawyer, Sorbara Law Chair: Cynthia Davis Participants, bring your questions about how we came to work in law!
10:45-11:30am Tour of the courthouse and health break	Tour Guides: Crown Alyssa Bain; Manager of Court Operations Jessica Roes; Special Constable Elaine Nish; and U of Waterloo Students Mariana Chaves & Simran Kaur Benipal Judicial Jeopardy Questions
11:30-11:45am Group Photo	On Stairs between first and second floor

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11:45-12:30pm Survive & Thrive in Law School	Jury Assembly Room (second floor) Panel: Shirin Mollayeva (Judicial Law Clerk, Superior Court of Justice & TMU grad) Sarah Bott (Judicial Law Clerk, Superior Court of Justice & UBC grad) Sophie Chase (Judicial Law Clerk, Superior Court of Justice & UVic grad) Misha Farrukh (Articling Student, Crown's Office & Windsor law grad) Amanda Rivera (Articling Student, Crown's Office & WLU/Sussex, UK grad) Chair: Cassandra Dhanapala
12:30-12:45	Health Break/Walk to Law Firms
12:45-1:45pm Tour and Lunch at Law Firm	Law Firms Giffen LLP and Crown's Office McLeod Green Dewar LLP Bennett Grant LLP Melville Krotz Lawyers Lerners LLP (hosted in Waterloo Region Law Library)
1:45-2:00pm	Health Break/Walk Back to Courthouse
2:00-2:10pm	Justice Nazira Safi (Judge from Afghanistan)
2:00-3:15pm Speed Mentoring	Jury Assembly Room (second floor) (Participants will be divided into 8 groups and will sit at table with their group) Justice Braid to introduce mentors at outset Mentors to rotate clockwise to a new table every 10 minutes Mentors: Alyssa Bain and Armin Sethi, Crown Attorneys Special Constable Maheen Sherwani, Tori Harshman and Nicole Morrison, Police Officers Kerri Rice and Kimberley Adams, Paralegals Mara Clarke and Jennifer Bolduc, Family Lawyers Rebecca Currie and Keisha James, Probation Officers Cynthia Davis and Jennifer Mohamed-Indarsingh, Civil Litigation Lawyers Pia Williams and Najla Nureddin, Law Librarians Jennifer Roggemann, Immigration Lawyer
3:15-3:30pm Judicial Jeopardy Prizes, Evaluations & Closing	Jury Assembly Room (second floor) Mara Clarke and Justice Braid *Photo opportunities with your new mentors following closing

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