

SPEAKER PROFILES

MEDICO-LEGAL UPDATE 2018

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Dr. Laura Hawryluck

Dr. Hawryluck received her MD in 1992 from the University of Western Ontario where she also served her Internal Medicine residency. She completed a Fellowship in Critical Care at the University of Manitoba in 1997 and received her MSc in Bioethics in 1999 from the Joint Centre for Bioethics and the Institute of Medical Science at the University of Toronto. From 1999-2001 she was Assistant Professor of Critical Care/Internal Medicine, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. In March 2000 she was appointed Physician Leader of the national Ian Anderson Continuing Education Program in End-of-Life Care at the University of Toronto and is currently Associate Professor of Critical Care Medicine at the University of Toronto. In 2002, she was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for contributions to Canada in recognition of her work in creating the Anderson Program and improving end of life care for Canadians.

Dr. Hawryluck has been the Medical Advisor to the Critical Care Secretariat Ethical Issues of Access project whose goal was to devise best practice guidelines regarding access and utilization of critical care services and better address the challenging ethical challenges that arise in decision-making—seeking to balance individual wishes and autonomy, their state of health with the provision of appropriate medical care for those in need. She was the Leader of the Critical Care Secretariat End-of-Life Decision-Making Performance Improvement Team in its inaugural year. She was also a member of the Ontario Pandemic Flu A/D/T Committee whose goal was to ensure critical care professionals have a triage plan to deal with triage in a pandemic flu situation—the triage protocol created was subsequently adopted worldwide. She has worked with the Ministry of Health, Health Policy branch in order to develop a systematic ethical framework for policy development, a project funded by CIHR. Teaching at the medical legal crossroads to build a greater understanding between the professions has always been very important to Dr Hawryluck. She has taught on medico-legal topics at all levels of medical training. She has also had the great pleasure of working with Mr Joe Colangelo in creating and supporting the MLST Health Law Advocacy project in which second year law students are taught and mentored to represent clients in front of the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board—a project that has improved access to Justice and received recognition from the Chief Justice of Ontario the Honourable R. Roy McMurtry.

Dr Hawryluck has published extensively and always strives to build dialogue, understanding and knowledge between the professions of medicine and law. She is co-lead of a project entitled "Balancing the interests of patients, substitute decision-makers, family and health care providers in decision-making over the withdrawal and withholding of life-sustaining treatment" funded by the Law Reform Commission of Ontario. She is co-author and co-editor of "Law of Acute Care in Canada" with Mr Michael Fraleigh from Fogler Rubinoff LLP to be published in the fall by Carswell, a division of Thomson Reuters.

Dr Hawryluck is deeply involved in international humanitarian projects. She has worked with critical care and burn units in Indore India and Cote d'Ivoire on a variety of quality improvement and educational initiatives. She was co-creator and co-Director for Royal College of Canada International (RCCI) of the first Doctorate in Medicine Program in Critical Care in the entire country of Nepal. She worked with the Nepal Medical Council as an international consultant to assist them in writing and enacting in February 2017 a new contemporary Code of Ethics and Professionalism for all physicians in Nepal. She is a critical care medicine consultant for Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF) telemedicine program, a program which she is so deeply committed to that she is always on call and available to support physicians in the field. She is also a member of the Advisory Board for Medecins du Monde Canada

Dr. Hawryluck had the real honour of serving as President of the Medico-Legal Society from 2013 to 2014.

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Peter Collins, CD, MD, MCA, FRCPC

Peter Collins has been the operational forensic psychiatrist with the Criminal Behaviour Analysis Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police, since 1995 and a member of the crisis/hostage negotiation team, of the Toronto Police Service Emergency Task Force, since 1992.

In addition, Peter consults to the Behavioral Analysis Unit of the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Profiling Unit of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Investigative Psychology Unit of the South African Police, and the Behavioural Sciences Section of the Calgary Police Service.

Peter obtained his Masters in Applied Criminology from the University of Ottawa, his Medical Degree from McMaster University and completed his postgraduate medical training in psychiatry and forensic psychiatry at the University of Toronto. His clinical appointment is with the Complex Illness and Recovery Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and he is an Associate Professor, in the Division of Forensic Psychiatry, at the University of Toronto. Peter is also a co-investigator with the Health Adaptation Research on Trauma (HART) Lab and an advisor to the International Performance Resilience and Efficiency Program for police tactical teams at the University of Toronto (Mississauga). Peter is on the board of the Canadian Association of Threat Assessment Professionals and a consulting editor with the Journal of Threat Assessment and Management, published by the American Psychological Association.

Peter retired from the Canadian Armed Forces (Reserves), at the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, and served on 2 deployments in Southern Afghanistan. In October 2012 he was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contribution to the Canadian Forces.

In 1997 Peter was elected a member of the International Criminal Investigative Analysis Fellowship. He is an authority on violent crime and has worked with, and instructed, numerous criminal justice agencies in North America, and internationally, including the FBI, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Interpol, and Europol.



Michael Fraleigh, B.A., J.D.

Michael is a Partner at Fogler, Rubinoff LLP where he heads the health law group. He is also a former member of the Firm's Executive Committee. Michael has extensive experience in all aspects of health law including the representation of physicians in regulatory matters involving complaints, discipline, quality assurance, fitness to practice and registration issues. He has represented numerous physicians in hospital privilege disputes as well as in matters involving the management and business operations of a medical practice including billing issues. He also advises hospitals, corporations and institutions with respect to health law issues. Michael is also an experienced medical malpractice litigator having both defended physicians and represented plaintiffs. Michael is a frequent speaker at continuing education programs for health care practitioners and lawyers on issues relating to health law and medical practice. Michael is a past chair of the Ontario Bar Association Health Law Section and Past President of the Medico-Legal Society of Toronto.

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Josh Koziobrocki

Josh Koziobrocki is an experienced litigation lawyer and advocate who has appeared extensively before courts, tribunals, and regulatory bodies. His practice focuses on representing professionals in regulatory, disciplinary, criminal and civil proceedings. He works with professionals in difficult and challenging situations involving their license to practice. Josh has represented countless professionals before licensing bodies from the complaint process and investigations through to discipline hearings. He has appeared as counsel at numerous regulatory hearings and at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada. He has a unique appreciation of how professionals are regulated in Canada and frequently lectures on legal topics relevant to professionals.

Prior to starting Koziobrocki Law, Josh was a partner at a leading Bay Street litigation firm. Josh is also a former Assistant Crown Attorney and has prosecuted all types of criminal cases. Josh is committed to community service. He has worked extensively with the Jays Care Foundation, serving as the founding chair of its Young Professionals Committee. He has also been involved in University governance, having served on the Governing Council and Business Affairs Board of the University of Toronto.



Dr. Marni Brooks (Sponsor Speaker)

Dr. Marni Brooks began her education at McGill university where she completed her Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in psychology and focused her thesis in the area of pediatric pain. She was then sponsored by a physician in Sydney, Australia to assist in his pediatric pain research.

Upon her return to Canada, she completed a Master of Social Work degree where she spent years of training studying women's health and addiction as field placements. This interest continued after she completed her medical degree and family medicine residency at the University of Toronto.

She is now a Fellow in Family Medicine and, until now, has explored working in the areas of family medicine, sleep medicine, addiction medicine and cannabinoid medicine. Dr. Brooks also sits on the OMA Executive of the Section on Addiction Medicine where she assists with negotiations with the Ministry of Health on behalf of the members in her section.

Dr. Brooks now focuses in both the areas of Addiction Medicine and Cannabinoid Medicine, her two main interests. She continues to work on collecting data for future research in her Cannabinoid Medicine practice.

Other experiences include speaking on the Northwinds panel for insurance providers and acting as an expert witness on the safety and medical uses of cannabis in a sentencing hearing.

She hopes to help educate her peers, the community and patients, as well as advocate for them, on the benefits of cannabis for a variety of health conditions, either as sole therapy or in conjunction with other treatments. Her most recent interest is in the area of cannabis use in the integration of cannabis treatment with traditional medicine practices.