

NEW BRUNSWICK ACCESS TO JUSTICE SUMMIT

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: PUTTING PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF THE SYSTEM

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About the Summit

The idea for a New Brunswick Access to Justice Summit was born out of a desire by members of the New Brunswick justice community to understand the impacts of adjustments brought about to the justice system in response to the COVID-19 health crisis.

The Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) hopes to take a retrospective look at what we have been through as a community of justice providers; evaluate what we have learned and explore how we might envisage a more robust delivery of justice focused on the people of this province and their justice needs. CIAJ would like to conduct similar activities in other provinces. The research on access to justice and digital tools will continue beyond the Summit.

Planning Committee

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AGENDA | MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

The Family Justice System: Solutions to Improve the Delivery of Services to the People of New Brunswick

- 8:30 – 8:35 am **Welcome Remarks**
- Dean Michael Marin, Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick
- 8:35 – 9:00 am **Opening Remarks**
- The Honourable Chief Justice J. C. Marc Richard, Court of Appeal for New Brunswick
- 9:00 – 9:15 am **The Next Roadmap: How We Can Work in Collaboration to Ensure Sustainable Changes in the Family Justice System** (Pre-recorded presentation)
- The Honourable Justice Andromache Karakatsanis, Supreme Court of Canada; Chair, National Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters
- 9:15 – 9:45 am **The Need for a Culture Shift**
- Professor Trevor Farrow, Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School; Chair, Canadian Forum on Civil Justice
- 9:45 – 10:15 am **The Survey Results Presentation**
- Nathan Afilalo, Lawyer, CIAJ
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- 10:15 – 10:35 am **BREAK**
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- 10:35 – Noon **PANEL | Legal Design: Transforming the Family Justice System in Alberta**
- Chair*
- The Honourable Chief Justice Tracey DeWare, Court of King's Bench of New Brunswick
- Speakers*
- The Honourable Justice Rodney A. Jerke, Court of King's Bench of Alberta
 - Diana Lowe, K.C., Justice System Consulting, Re-imagining Justice, Alberta
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- Noon – 1:00 pm **LUNCH**
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- 1:00 – 2:30 pm **PLENARY | Causal Layered Analysis: Identifying Causes, problems and patterns**
- Speakers*
- Michelle Jehn, Manager of Community and Social Innovation, Strathcona County
 - Jessica Spina, Manager of Climate Adaptation, Government of Alberta
- 2:30 – 3:45 pm **PLENARY | Exploring Mental Models**
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- 3:45 – 4:00 pm **BREAK**
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- 4:00 – 5:00 pm **WORKSHOP 1 | Where To Now?** (breakout groups)
- 5:00 – 7:00 pm **COCKTAIL**

AGENDA | TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

Identifying Realistic Solutions and Exploring Digital Tools

9:00 – 10:30 am **PANEL | Digitization Initiatives in the Legal System**

Chair

- Argyri Panezi, Canada Research Chair in Digital Information Law and Policy, University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law

Speakers

- The Honourable Justice Geneviève Cotnam, Court of Appeal of Quebec
- Michelle Thompson, Executive Director, Public Legal Education and Information Services of New Brunswick
- PwC Digitization Project (TBC)

10:30– 10:45 am **BREAK**

10:45 am – Noon **WORKSHOP 2 | Digital Tools & Deep Dive Into the Solutions** (breakout groups)

Noon – 12:30 pm **LUNCH**

12:30 – 1:15 pm **Presentation by the Civil Resolution Tribunal in British Columbia**

Speaker

- Lauryn Kerr, Legal Counsel, CRT

1:15 – 2:15 pm **WORKSHOP 3 | Identify the Most Promising Solutions to Implement in the New Brunswick Family Law Justice System Solutions** (breakout groups)

2:15 – 3:30 pm **PLENARY | Share Findings From Workshops; Identify Solutions**

3:30 – 3:45 pm **BREAK**

3:45 – 4:30 pm **PLENARY | Identify and Agree on Measures of Successes — Solutions & Next Steps**

4:30 – 5:00 pm **Closing Remarks**

- The Honourable Chief Justice J. C. Marc Richard, Court of Appeal for New Brunswick

5:00 – 7:00 pm **COCKTAIL**

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