



# 2025 Mid Winter Meetings & Professional Development Information Package

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025,

Delta Hotel  
18 Queen St., Charlottetown

## Professional Development Program

8:30 AM      Registration – Lobby, a light breakfast will be served.

9:00AM      Plenary - **Plain Language for Effective and Efficient Communication**. Emma Chilton, a communications consultant specializing in making technical information accessible to the public, will address common myths about plain language and include examples that participants can draw on for their day-to-day work.

10:00AM      **Breakout Sessions**

- I. **Plain Language Practice Specific Sessions** (3) will feature sample legal writing from commonly used legal documents for the relevant area of law. With the support of a “plain language coach,” participants will discuss how language use impacts the efficacy of legal writing and provide plain language options for use in day-to-day practice.
  - a. Family – Cindy Cameron, Matthew Walters, & Jenny Mason
  - b. Estates – Robin Aitken, Cynthia Taylor & Jessica Gillis
  - c. Corporate/Commercial – Andrew Sapiano, Donald Cameron & Emma Chilton

Content shared in each of the practice specific sessions will be shared with all registered CLE participants.

- II. **Climate Hazard & Risk Information System** - Representatives from the Government of Prince Edward Island will demonstrate CHRIS (Climate Hazard & Risk Information System), a comprehensive GIS- and web-based tool that allows the general public and decision-makers to explore climate hazards and information for Prince Edward Island. This session will also include discussion regarding disclosure of coastal hazard information for property sales, rental leases, and tourism establishments.

- 11:30AM [Persuasive Writing](#) – Justice Thomas P. Laughlin, Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal, and Justice Jonathan M. Coady, Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island, will share their insights on the keys to effective persuasive writing.
- 12:30PM [CBA PEI Branch Mid-Winter Meeting & Luncheon](#)  
Everyone is welcome to a **complimentary buffet luncheon** hosted by the Canadian Bar Association, PEI Branch.
- 1:30PM [Law Society of Prince Edward Island Mid-Winter Meeting](#)
- 2:30PM [Social Activity](#) – Join colleagues at the [Pony Boat](#) for some afternoon fun and test your skills at the games. 157 Kent St., Charlottetown.
- 6:30PM [Presidents' Reception & Dinner](#)  
Join hosts Law Society President Sherry Gillis, K.C. and CBA Branch President Tom Keeler for the Presidents' Reception followed by dinner.

***Please note the dress for all events will be Business Casual.***

### **Pricing:**

Professional Development:

CBA Member: \$350.00 + HST = \$402.50

Non-CBA Member: \$437.50 + HST = \$503.13

Presidents' Reception & Dinner: \$100.00 + HST = \$115.00

**CLE Cancellation Policy:** Registrants who cancel within two weeks but more than twenty-four (24) hours before the CLE will receive a fifty per cent (50%) refund and will be entitled to receive a copy of any CLE materials. Registrants who cancel within 24 hours of the CLE or who do not show will not be refunded any portion of the registration fee, but the registrant will be entitled to receive a copy of the CLE materials.

### **Registration**

Registration can be completed on the Law Society [website here](#).