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Anita Szigeti is the founding lawyer of Anita Szigeti Advocates, a Toronto firm focusing on mental health and the law. Ms. Szigeti graduated from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law in 1990. She was called to the bar in Ontario in 1992 and in Nunavut in 2014. She is currently co-director (with Dr. Ruby Dhand) of the Mental Health Law course within the Health Law LLM at Osgoode Professional Development, where she obtained a Certificate in Tribunal Adjudication in 2018. Ms. Szigeti has published widely in this area, including as co-author of five textbooks on mental health law across Canada. These include the LexisNexis publications: Canadian Anthology on Mental Health and the Law (2024), Law and Mental Health in Canada: Cases and Materials (2023), Halsbury's on Mental Health Law (2023), A Guide to Consent and Capacity Law in Ontario (2024), and A Guide to Mental Disorder Law in Canadian Criminal Justice (2020). She is a recognized expert in the area of mental disorder in both civil and criminal law contexts. She has been retained as an expert witness in mental health justice matters.

Ms. Szigeti has been a leader in the field for 30 years at the Ontario bar. She has been representing clients in Nunavut since 2014 as a member of the Nunavut Law Society. Ms. Szigeti was the Chair of the Mental Health Legal Committee (MHLC) for a decade and the founding first Chair of Legal Aid Ontario's Mental Health Law & Policy Advisory Group. For six years, she served as an elected Toronto Director of the Criminal Lawyers' Association (CLA) and the Association's Chair of its Mental Disorder Portfolio. She also served as the CLA's Women's Director through COVID in 2020-2021. Ms. Szigeti is the founder and President of the Law And Mental Disorder Association (LAMDA), a national umbrella advocacy organization of 200 lawyers practising mental health law. She is the founder and Secretary of Women in Canadian Criminal Defence (WiCCD), a national advocacy organization for women and gender non-conforming criminal defence lawyers in Canada. Ms. Szigeti's community involvement extends to membership on the governing body of several other organizations, including as the sole Canadian (now Emeritus) representative on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Rights Protection and Advocacy (NARPA), an American advocacy organization based in Colorado, and Pilot Place Society, a not for profit 24/7 supervised housing service provider in Toronto.

Ms. Szigeti's litigation career spans thousands of tribunal level cases, hundreds of cases argued in appellate Courts including fifteen in the Supreme Court of Canada. Ms. Szigeti has also been involved in more than a dozen death inquiries focusing on police use of force in interactions with persons in crisis and just as many high profile Inquests concerning other mental health related and institutional deaths. In 2016, she joined the prestigious Trial Advocacy faculty at the University of Toronto law school. She is a frequent guest lecturer in many mental health law courses at law schools across the country, including at the University of Toronto, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Western Faculty of Law and Osgoode Hall Law School. Ms. Szigeti is passionate about teaching advocacy as well as the substantive law of mental disorder. She has provided education and training throughout her career to Crowns, Coroners, adjudicators, psychiatrists, defence lawyers, clients, their families and anyone else who asked. She has particular expertise in training tribunal, board and agency adjudicators on how to address mental health matters culturally

competently. Ms. Szigeti has mentored hundreds of new lawyers and law students and loves coaching advocacy at trial and appellate levels, including coaching mooting teams at law schools. When she's not mentoring new generations of lawyers and law students, she is in a courtroom litigating, nearly every day. She is grateful for three decades of opportunities to advocate on behalf of vulnerable people, giving a voice to those who otherwise may not be heard at all.

Dena Bonnet, L.L.B (Osgoode Hall), B.A., Law, Human Rights and Women's Studies (Carleton) has been crown counsel with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General's Crown Law Office – Criminal for more than 15 years.

Dena is an experienced appellate advocate, appearing primarily before the Court of Appeal but also before the Supreme Court of Canada. Her practice includes NCR appeals, high-risk accused designations, fitness issues, and a high volume of Ontario Review Board appeals. Dena works extensively on criminal law policy matters within the Ontario government and is an Adjunct Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School where she teaches the seminar titled Criminal Law: Mental Illness. Outside of work, Dena also sits on the Board of Directors for the Period Purse, an organisation dedicated to menstrual equity.

Jill R. Presser is a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto. Before her appointment in July 2021, her law practice focused on appellate criminal defence and mental health for almost 25 years. She appeared as co-counsel on a number of interventions in the Supreme Court of Canada in cases dealing with important mental health issues. Justice Presser was an adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law from 2011 to 2016. She was a senior lawyer member of the Consent and Capacity Board of Ontario from 2006 to 2014, adjudicating civil mental health issues. Justice Presser has published and spoken extensively at legal and judicial education programs on criminal law, evidence, mental health law, artificial intelligence and the law, privacy and surveillance, and women in the law. She is co-author of *A Guide to Mental Disorder Law in Canadian Criminal Justice* (LexisNexis, 2020); as well as co-editor and contributing author to *Litigating Artificial Intelligence* (Emond, 2021). She co-authored a law reform report, *AI Case Study: Probabilistic Genotyping DNA Tools in Canadian Criminal Courts* (Law Commission of Ontario, 2021). Justice Presser has also written numerous articles and book chapters, including “Mom’s Rea: Motherhood, Criminal Defence, and Guilt” in *Women in Criminal Justice* (Durville Publications, 2018), and co-authored with Anita Szigeti, ““...Even and Especially the Most Reviled and Despised”: Justice Marc Rosenberg’s Commitment to Access to Justice and Procedural Fairness for the Mentally Disordered” in *To Ensure that Justice is Done* (Thomson Reuters, 2017).

SPEAKERS

Justice Patrice Band is a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice in Downtown Toronto. He is a past Director of the Criminal Lawyers Association (Toronto Region) and Alternate Chair of the Ontario Review Board. He is also a former lead judge of 102 Court (the Mental Health Court at Old City Hall).

Justice Joan Barrett was appointed to the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto in 2022. Prior to that, she practiced since 1997 with the Ministry of the Attorney General first as an Assistant Crown Attorney and, since 2001, with the Crown Law Office - Criminal. Prior to her appointment, Justice Barrett was the Deputy Director of Special Prosecutions and a Board member of the Advocates’ Society. She is the co-author, with Justice Shandler, of *Mental Disorder in Canadian Criminal Law*.

From 2013 to 2022, she was an Adjunct professor with Osgoode Hall Law School where she taught mental health and criminal justice to upper year and LL.M. students.

Jennifer Chambers is founder and Executive Director of The Empowerment Council, Systemic Advocates in Addictions and Mental Health. She was a founder and staff of the Queen Street Patients Council and the Mental Health Legal Advocacy Coalition. These organizations have been the only peer advocacy organizations in the area of mental health in the country to regularly intervene in cases before the Supreme Court of Canada, and to acquire standing at the Ontario Coroner's Court. She is a past Chair of the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Toronto Police Services Board, and of the Mental Health and Addiction Advisory Panel to the TBSB. She is a member of the Anti-Racism Advisory to the TPSB and of the Police and Community Engagement Report advisory to the Toronto Police Chief. She has authored journal articles and book chapters, including co-authoring chapters in *Law and Mental Health in Canada: Cases and Materials*.

Gary Chaimowitz is a Professor of Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry Academic Division Lead, McMaster University and Head of Service of Forensic Psychiatry, St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton. He has Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Forensic Psychiatry Founder status, an MBA (University of Toronto) and Certified Physician Executive (Certifying Commission on Medical Management 1999) – Diplomate American College of Physician Executives. He is a Chartered Director (C.Dir.) The Directors College (2022), a Distinguished Fellow of the Canadian and American Psychiatric Associations, He has received multiple awards and published over 90 papers. Past positions include President Canadian Psychiatric Association, President of St. Joseph's Healthcare Medical Staff Association, Chair Ontario Medical Association Psychiatry Section, President Ontario Psychiatric Association, Vice-Chair Consent and Capacity Board, Chair RCPSC Forensic Psychiatry Specialty Committee, Council of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Co-Chair Forensic Directors Group of Ontario, and Board of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health.

Neha Chugh is a criminal and child protection lawyer practicing in the East region. She has a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Waterloo, a Masters of Science in Planning from the University of Guelph, and a law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School. She started Chugh Law Professional Corporation in 2014 in Cornwall, Ontario, and continues to pursue access to justice needs faced by the community. Neha also serves as the prosecutor in the Akwesasne Court, and supervises provincial offences prosecutions for the United Counties of Stormont Dundas, and Glengarry. Neha was appointed as the Law Foundation of Ontario's representative on the Board of Governors of the Law Commission of Ontario. Neha was elected as a Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario in 2023. In her spare time Neha enjoys reading, hiking, watching legal dramas on Netflix, and taxiing her children to their activities.

Craig Coughlan joined the Scarborough Crown Attorney's office in 2005, after a brief time as a member of the defence bar. Since 2016, he has played a lead role in mental health issues in the Scarborough office, including his current role as the Toronto East representative in the Toronto Mental Health Court.

Nikoleta Curcin is a Peer Researcher at the MAP Centre for Urban Solutions, Unity Health Toronto, St. Michael's Hospital. After involvement with the criminal justice system, she was referred to Toronto's Drug Treatment Court. Since her completion of the program at the end of 2020, she has been a staff writer for the volunteer-run organization, WriteON!: a prisoner rights

collective that seeks to empower incarcerated individuals through information and knowledge sharing. She consults on research studies with a focus on criminal justice, and has worked with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), the John Howard Society of Ontario (JHSO), and has been featured as a speaker and panelist for multiple HSJCC and AJTP conferences over the past five years. Nikoleta graduated from the University of Toronto in 2012 with an Honors Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature, and has, most recently, contributed to the Canadian Anthology on Mental Health and the Law (LexisNexis Canada, 2024). She facilitates wellness workshops, drawing on her experiences of addiction, trauma, and recovery, as well as her background in literature. She is a regular participant on the conference circuit, both in her role as a peer researcher and person with lived experience, where she advocates for therapeutic alternatives to incarceration.

Cassandra DeMelo is the founding Partner of DeMelo Heathcote, a criminal defence practice in London, ON. She is near completion of her Ph.D. at Western Law, with a focus on drug reform, and holds a Masters in Law. Cassandra thoroughly enjoys teaching and mentoring, and particularly enjoys mentoring women and equity-deserving students and lawyers. She is a Lecturer at Western Law, where she teaches “Mental Health and the Law”. Cassandra held the position of Vice-President of the Criminal Lawyers’ Association for Ontario, is the President of the London Criminal Lawyers’ Association, the treasurer for Women in Canadian Criminal Defence, and a member of the Law and Mental Disorder Association. She regularly represents clients with drug addiction in the trial level courts, and has appeared at every level of appeal court including the Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada. She loves her work, and is honoured to serve her community by doing so.

Liesha Earle is an Assistant Crown Attorney. In 1993, she was called to the Bar of Ontario after completing her law degree at the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor and an undergraduate degree in Criminology and History at the University of Toronto. For almost eight years, she was Vice President of Education or Vice President of Collective Bargaining for the Ontario Crown Attorneys’ Association. She has worked on the DNA Retroactive Offender Project, appeared as Crown Counsel on summary conviction appeals, Criminal Law Policy and Coroner’s counsel. Throughout her career, she has mentored, taught and coached lawyers, university, high school students, police officers and forensic scientists. In 1998, she qualified to appear before the Review Board and from May 2019-January 2024, was seconded to the Toronto Region to appear as Crown counsel before the Ontario Review Board. She has also volunteered for several agencies and non-profit boards of directors.

Kelly Eberhard is currently an assistant Crown Attorney in Peterborough, Ontario. She was called to the Bar in 1999 (BC) and 2000 (ON). In 2001, she graduated from the University of Waikato, in New Zealand with a Master of Laws degree. Her legal experience includes private defence/civil, public defence with Legal Aid Ontario and presently with the Ministry of Attorney General. She has worked with the Peterborough Community Support Court since its creation in 2011.

Yusuf Faqiri is a Career Civil Servant with a background in Policy and Communications in the areas of Mental Health, Conflict of Interest, Refugee and Francophone Rights. Yusuf’s most rewarding and passionate work is advocating within the Justice System for vulnerable Canadians who suffer from Mental Illness. In 2016, he founded the Justice for Soli Movement, a Grass Roots National Based Organization, after the tragic death of his brother Soleiman Faqiri. He is fluent in English, French, Farsi and intermediate level Arabic. He has had significant media presence in Toronto and Montreal in both English and French, and appeared often on CBC, Radio-Canada,

CTV, Global News, City TV, CTV, CP24, Canadian Press, Toronto Star as a Mental Health Advocate. As well he has been published several times in both the Globe and Mail and Toronto Star.

Michael Feindel is an Assistant Crown Attorney who was called to the Bar in 1997 and has specialized in the area of mental disorders and criminal law for over twenty years. Mr. Feindel received his Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie Law School and a Master of Laws in Constitutional Law from Osgoode Hall Law School. Since 2003, Mr. Feindel has held the position of ORB-Crown Coordinator for the Toronto Region, appearing regularly before the Ontario Review Board as counsel for the Attorney General. He also appears in the Provincial and Superior Courts of Justice on matters pertaining to mental disorder law. Mr. Feindel frequently lectures and provides professional training in Ontario and Nunavut to Crown Attorneys, defence counsel, judges, police, and medical practitioners on Review Board law and practice, and is an adjunct faculty member of the University of Toronto's Department of Psychiatry.

Caleigh Glawson has appeared as an advocate before all levels of Court in Manitoba. She attended law school at the University of Manitoba and currently practices at Brodsky, Amy & Gould. She was selected to be part of the Criminal Cases Review Consultation as a representative of LAMDA. She has also co-authored two chapters surrounding bail for The Criminal Law Ebook (Canadian Legal Information Institute). She is currently secretary for the CBA/MBA Criminal Justice Section, on the education committee for WICCD, and a member at large for the CDLAM (Criminal Defence Lawyers Association of Manitoba). In her spare time she regularly appears in the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre/Manitoba Bar Association Lawyers Play fundraising productions.

Dr. Maryana Kravtsenyuk is a forensic psychiatrist on the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada subspecialty register. She completed psychiatric training at the University of Alberta in 2015 and a forensic psychiatry fellowship at the University of Toronto in 2016. Since then, she has been working in various jurisdictions across Canada as a forensic psychiatrist with a diverse practice including secure and rehabilitation units, outpatient forensic clinics, correctional clinics in provincial and federal institutions, and courts. Dr. Kravtsenyuk joined the Law and Mental Health program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) at the University of Toronto in August 2023. As an active member of the medical staff, she conducts court-ordered assessments and provide care to the individuals under the Provincial Criminal Code Review Board. She conducts assessments for the Mental Health Court in Toronto and provides forensic psychiatric services in Northern Ontario. In her practice, she conducts third-party medico-legal psychiatric assessments for criminal and civil proceedings.

Ken Lockhart was called to the bar in 2009 and began his career at the Crown Law Office – Criminal, but soon became Assistant Crown Attorney at the Toronto West Office. He's prosecuted a broad range of criminal offences, from intimate partner violence and impaired driving to large, complex homicides and projects. Over the course of his career, Ken has done secondments to the Toronto Summary Conviction Appeals offices, and back to the Crown Law Office – Criminal where he appeared before the Court of Appeal for Ontario several times. Ken has been lecturing regularly at the Ontario Police College since 2018. He's appeared several times as a guest speaker at the Toronto Police College, Humber College, the University of Toronto, and Osgoode Hall. He's also been a course director for the Technology in Litigation course at the Ministry of the Attorney General's / O.C.A.A.'s "Crown School" since 2018. Ken is a designated wiretap agent for the Province of Ontario, and in addition to his law degree, he has post-graduate degrees in Public Administration (2005) and Criminology (2019).

Leslie Maunder spent the first 12 years of her career as a criminal defence lawyer, doing mostly appeal work at the Court of Appeal. She argued at the Supreme Court of Canada and was on the roster of Inmate Appeal “duty counsel” for the Court of Appeal. She then spent a decade at the Law Society as discipline counsel. She has been an adjudicator on the Ontario Review Board since 2019 and is an Alternate Chair. She is also a senior legal member on the Consent and Capacity Board.

Justice Daniel Francis Moore was appointed a Judge of the Ontario Court of Justice in 2017 and sits in Toronto. He was called to the bar in 1997. He had previously been counsel with Heller, Rubel Barristers, where he focused on criminal law. He has also been a lecturer with Seneca College. Justice Moore volunteers with the Beaver Scouts.

A.J. Grant-Nicholson is a Toronto-based lawyer experienced in mental health related law. He is also a policy advisor experienced in developing mental health and justice programming and services. Prior to founding Grant-Nicholson Law, a private law and consultancy firm, A.J. led Mental Health Strategy at Legal Aid Ontario. He works with stakeholders from the justice and health sectors to improve legal services for persons with mental health and addiction needs. He has led the development of various community-based initiatives, such as a *pro bono* Wills program for seniors. He also regularly engages in public speaking events, including discussions on the intersection of mental health and race. A.J. currently acts as a project advisor to the Mental Health Commission of Canada’s National Action Plan on Mental Health and Criminal Justice.

Jolene Hansell is a criminal defence lawyer at Russomanno Criminal Law in Ottawa, Ontario and a Part-Time Professor at the University of Ottawa where she teaches criminal law, public and constitutional law, and legal research. Jolene holds a J.D. from the University of Ottawa and a M.A. in Conflict Resolution from Georgetown University. She began her legal career articling at Addario Law Group. She then went on to clerk at the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. She also coaches the University of Ottawa Philip C. Jessup Public International Law moot team.

Dr. Adelina Iftene, is an Associate Professor of Law, Schulich School of Law, and Criminal Justice Certificate Coordinator, Dalhousie University. Adelina teaches criminal law, evidence, sentencing, and imprisonment and prison policy. Her major research work explores issues related to prison health and access to justice for prisoners, as well as evidentiary issues arising out of undercover investigations. Her manuscript “Punished for Aging: Vulnerabilities, Rights, and Access to Justice in Canadian Penitentiaries,” was published by University of Toronto Press in 2019. Adelina is also a co-author of the Annual Review of Criminal Law (Thomson Reuters) and Sentencing and Penal Policy in Canada: Cases, Materials and Commentary (Emond Publishing).

Justice Brock Jones was appointed a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice on December 30, 2021. Prior to his appointment, Justice Jones was an Assistant Crown Attorney in the Scarborough Crown Attorney’s office. From 2012-2018 he was also an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, where he taught a course on the Youth Criminal Justice Act. He is a co-author of Prosecuting and Defending Youth Criminal Justice Cases, and Modern Criminal Evidence, from Emond Publishing. In 2016, he won the Ontario Bar Association's Heather McArthur Memorial Young Lawyers' Award. In 2020 he won the Ontario Bar Association's Award for Excellence in Criminal Justice. In 2024, he received an award for the Administration of Justice from Women in Canadian Criminal Defence.

Carter Martell obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Edinburgh in 2007 and graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law in 2013. Since 2015, he has practiced at Martell Defence in Toronto, where he practices criminal and quasi-criminal law with a particular focus on appeals and constitutional litigation. He appears regularly at the Ontario Court of Appeal and volunteers as duty counsel for the Pro Bono Inmate Appeals Program. He has acted as intervening counsel at the Supreme Court of Canada on behalf of the Criminal Lawyers' Association, The Advocates' Society and the Empowerment Council. He is a contributing author to the textbook *Law and Mental Health in Canada: Cases and Materials*, released by LexisNexis in 2023.

Justice Daniel Moore was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice in 2017 and presides in Toronto. Prior to his appointment he had practiced criminal defence with the law firm of Heller, Rubel for over 20 years and was certified by the Law Society as a specialist in criminal litigation. As defence counsel he regularly represented clients before the Ontario Review Board and at the Ontario Court of Appeal on appeals from Review Board decisions. He was a member of the Criminal Lawyers Association, the Mental Health Legal Committee, and the Law and Mental Disorder Association. He is currently the Vice President – Criminal of the Association of Ontario Judges.

Yedishtra Naidoo is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry Clinical Fellowship Director McMaster University, St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton. He is certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in both General Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry. He has published in the areas of forensic psychiatry and general psychiatry, and has presented both nationally and internationally. He developed simulation based learning and mock testimony for advanced forensic psychiatry learners at the McMaster University St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton Forensic Psychiatry program. He has been a guest lecturer at the University of Toronto in the area of criminal responsibility, psychopathy and fitness to stand trial. He has an academic interest in the areas of automatism and correctional psychiatry. He works in areas of forensic psychiatry, correctional psychiatry, general adult psychiatry and in emergency psychiatry. He conducts private criminal as well as civil evaluations and provides expert testimony at the Ontario Review Board, in criminal court and at tribunals.

Mark Pearce completed his psychiatric residency training at the University of Toronto in 2007. He is a staff forensic psychiatrist in the forensic programs at the Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences and at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, where he performs assessments of fitness to stand trial and criminal responsibility along with violence and sexological risk assessments, including Dangerous Offender assessments. Dr. Pearce has testified as an expert in the field of forensic psychiatry in the Ontario Court of Justice, the Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto and is involved in training medical students and psychiatry residents in the area of forensic psychiatry. He is also one of the Program Directors at Osgoode Hall Law School's Mental Health Law Certificate Program.

Stephanie R. Penney, Ph.D. is a scientist within the Division of Forensic Psychiatry at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, and cross appointed at the Associate Professor level within the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. Both her research and clinical work focus on the assessment and management of violence risk. Dr. Penney's current program of research is geared toward understanding the causes of violence and offending in individuals with serious mental illness, enhancing the clinical practice of risk assessment, and ultimately, improving service

delivery and health outcomes for vulnerable populations. Dr. Penney has published on topics such as risk and recovery in forensic mental health care, and the assessment of violence risk in diverse populations. She currently holds two federal grants as Principal Investigator, and has previously been the recipient of over \$500,000 in international, federal and provincial grants and research awards.

Jacob Roth is an associate in the criminal practice of Henein Hutchison Robitaille LLP. He has represented clients before all levels of court in Ontario, administrative tribunals, and professional regulatory bodies. Before joining Henein Hutchison Robitaille LLP, Jacob practiced at a Toronto-based criminal defence firm, where he focused on defending against sexual assault allegations. Jacob received his law degree from the University of Toronto in 2018. During law school, Jacob worked at a civil litigation firm and supported the lawyers in several high-stakes medical malpractice matters. After graduating from law school, he articulated with the in-house litigation team at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). In that role, Jacob represented the hospital at hearings to determine suitable measures for clients declared unfit to stand trial or not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder. In 2020, Jacob earned a Master of Laws degree (LLM) with high distinction from Columbia University in New York.

Naomi Sayers is an Indigenous feminist and lawyer with a practice that primarily focuses on criminal and mental health litigation. She is based out of Toronto, Ontario with a large practice in Northern Ontario (primarily, Algoma and surrounding Districts). She represents clients before the Consent and Capacity Board, Ontario Review Board, and in appeals at all levels of court in Ontario. She is also called to the Alberta bar where her practice focuses largely on civil litigation. She represented clients in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Nova Scotia. She is called to the Ontario bar (2018) and Alberta bar (2020). Sometimes other criminal defence counsel retain her office to assist with niche issues on constitutional challenges. She is an Anishnaabek kwe from the Garden River First Nation (east of Sault Ste Marie).

Justice Riun Shandler was appointed a Judge of the Ontario Court of Justice in 2014. He currently presides at the Ontario Court of Justice – Toronto. Justice Shandler is a member of both the Ontario Judicial Appointments Advisory Committee and of the Ontario Judicial Council. Prior to his appointment, he worked at the Ministry of the Attorney General for Ontario, Crown Law Office – Criminal where his practice focussed on large and complex trials and appeals. Justice Shandler is an active participant in continuing legal education and chaired continuing education for the Ontario Court of Justice, as well as an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School teaching mental health and criminal justice to upper year and LLM students. He is the co-author of *Mental Disorder in Canadian Criminal Law* (Carswell) with Justice Joan Barrett. He graduated from the University of British Columbia Law School and was called to the Ontario bar in 1997.

Amy Shoemaker is a criminal lawyer and the director of LAO LAW, the research department at Legal Aid Ontario. Amy has an LLB from Queen's University and an LLM in criminal law from Osgoode Hall Law School. Amy has also worked as a criminal lawyer in Toronto and as an institutional advocate. She is the author of a chapter on fitness in *Law and Mental Health in Canada: Cases and Materials*.

Maya Shukairy was called to the Ontario Bar in 2015. She is a criminal defence lawyer and sole practitioner. Her firm, SHUKAIRY LAW, is based in Ottawa, Ontario, but Maya takes on cases all over Ontario. Maya's practice is dedicated to criminal and quasi-criminal law matters. She is both a

trial and appeal lawyer. Maya is trilingual as she speaks English, French and Arabic fluently. She can represent her clients in all three languages. Maya is a member of several criminal law related associations including: The Criminal Lawyers' Association (Maya is currently the CLA Recent Call Director for outside of Toronto), The Defence Counsel Association of Ottawa (DCAO), and Women in Canadian Criminal Defence (WiCCD). Maya is the Assistant Secretary - a member of the executive - for WiCCD and she is WiCCD's Education Committee Director.

Paul Socka is a criminal defence lawyer at Embry Dann LLP, practicing at both the trial and appeal levels. He received his law degree from the Queen's University Faculty of Law in 2018, graduating as the gold medalist. He articulated at the Crown Law Office – Criminal before going on to clerk for the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada. Paul represents clients with serious mental illness at all stages of the criminal process, including trials, appeals, and before the Ontario Review Board. He appears regularly before the Court of Appeal and recently appeared at the Supreme Court to make submissions in *R. v. J.W.* regarding the applicability of *Summers* credit to those held in pre-trial psychiatric detention.

Anna Trbovich is a staff lawyer at the Court of Appeal for Ontario. Prior to becoming a staff lawyer in 2018, Ms. Trbovich was an Assistant Crown Attorney in Toronto. Ms. Trbovich has an LL.B. from the University of New Brunswick and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School. She is currently completing her certification as a Solution-Focused Health Care Coach with Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital.