



**CANADIAN  
LAW OF  
OBLIGATIONS**

**CONFERENCE  
PROGRAM**

**Canadian Law of Obligations V (CLO V):  
*Dissenting Voices in Canadian Private Law***

**May 28-29, 2026**

**Faculty of Law – Thompson Rivers University**



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## Thursday, May 28, 2026

7:45–8:30am      **Registration and continental breakfast – Atrium (Level 3, Old Main)**

8:30–8:45am      **Welcome and opening remarks**

8:45–9:45am      **Keynote Address**

**The Honourable Suzanne Côté** (Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada)

9:45–10:00am    Transition break

10:00–11:20am   **Panel 1: Equity, Uncertainty, and Different Perspectives**

**Chair: Rob Chambers**, Professor (Faculty of Law, TRU)

- *The Trusts Jurisprudence of Justice Côté: Dissent, Voice of the Court, or Mere Orthodoxy?*  
**Lucas Clover Alcolea**, Lecturer (Faculty of Law, Monash University)
- *Equitable Remedies, Judicial Discretion and Individual Fairness: Justice Côté's Dissent in Collins Family Trust*  
**Andrew Luesley**, Assistant Professor (Faculty of Law, University of Victoria)
- *Public Law Institutions and Private Law Standards*  
**Douglas Sarro**, Assistant Professor (Faculty of Law – Common Law Section, University of Ottawa)

11:20–12:20pm   **Lunch**

12:20–1:40pm    **Panel 2: Freedom to Choose – Consent and the Limits of Contract**

**Chair: Chris Hunt**, Professor (Faculty of Law, TRU)

- *Undue Influence Revisited: Voluntary Decision-Making in Medical Contexts*  
**Margaret Hall**, Professor (Faculty of Law, Simon Fraser University)
- *The Contract Is Mightier than the Keyboard: Reconsidering Employment Contracts as Limitations on Employee Speech*  
**David Mangan**, Assistant Professor (Faculty of Law, Maynooth University)

- *Justice Cory's Dissenting Voice: Reasonable Expectations of the Parties, or the Insured?*  
**Catherine Le Guerrier**, Assistant Professor (Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick)

**1:40–1:55pm** Transition break

**1:55–3:15pm** **Panel 3: Developments in Doctrine – Keeping Black Letter on the Straight and Narrow**

**Chair: Rob Chambers**, Professor (Faculty of Law, TRU)

- *Equitable Disagreements*  
**Greg Bowley**, Associate Professor (Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick) & **Jack Enman-Beech**, Assistant Professor (Faculty of Law, University of Alberta)
- *Equities and Trusts: The Failure of Unjust Enrichment*  
**Lionel Smith**, Professor (Faculty of Law, University of Oxford)
- *Calling into Question Saskatchewan River Bungalows's Unilateral Waiver?*  
**Bruce MacDougall**, Professor (Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

**3:15–3:30pm** Health break

**3:30–4:50pm** **Panel 4: Much Ado about Damages – What's Really Going on with Remedies?**

**Chair: Krish Maharaj**, Associate Professor (Faculty of Law, TRU)

- *Remoteness: Negligence Law's Gatekeeper*  
**Erik Knutsen**, Professor (Faculty of Law, Queen's University)
- *Punitive Damages in Common Law Canada: An Empirical Survey*  
**Jeff Berryman**, Professor Emeritus (Faculty of Law, University of Windsor)
- *Prevention vs Apportionment of Damages in Contract Claims*  
**Mary Ppasiou**, PhD Candidate (Faculty of Law, Western University)

**6:00–9:00pm** **Conference Dinner – Tobiano Golf Course**

## Friday, May 29, 2026

**8:00–8:40am** Continental breakfast – Atrium (Level 3, Old Main)

**8:40–10:00am** **Panel 5: Cross-Pollination in Private Law – The Comparative and the Bi-Jurious**

**Chair: Jack Nelson**, Assistant Professor (Faculty of Law, TRU)

- *The Common Law of Contracts and the Promise under Seal*  
**Stéphane Sérafin**, (Member of the Law Society of Ontario and Barreau du Québec)
- *The Prophetic Potential of Dissenting Opinions in Contemporary Canadian Comparative Methodology*  
**Rosalie Jukier**, Professor (Faculty of Law, McGill University)
- *A Sense of Place – The South African Supreme Court of Appeal and the Private International Law of Delict*  
**Jan Neels**, Professor (Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg)

**10:00–10:15am** Transition break

**10:15–11:15am** **Keynote Address**

**The Honourable Chief Justice Ron A. Skolrood** (Chief Justice of the British Columbia Supreme Court)

**11:15–11:35am** Health break

**11:35–12:55pm** **Panel 6: Tensions in Tort – The Evolving Shape of Tortious Liability**

**Chair: Jason Nyers**, Professor (Faculty of Law, Western University)

- *Against Expressivism in Tort Law*  
**Kerry Sun**, Graduate Student (Faculty of Law, Merton College)
- *Re-examining the Modified Objective Test for Decision Causation*  
**Barbara von Tigerstrom**, Professor (College of Law, University of Saskatchewan)
- *Is Offensive Speech Defamatory?*  
**Hilary Young**, Professor (Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick)

**12:55–1:55pm** **Lunch**

1:55–3:15pm

## **Panel 7: Queries About Theories – On the Underlying Structure of Private Law**

**Chair: Greg Bowley**, Associate Professor (Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick)

- *Perspective and Coherence in Private Law Theory*  
**Sina Akbari** (Faculty of law, University of Alberta)
- *Theoretical Challenges of Accessory Liability in Private Law*  
**Allison Jandura**, Doctoral Student (Faculty of Law, University of Toronto)
- *Private Law Theory – The Shape of the Debate*  
**Steve Hedley**, Professor (retired) (Faculty of Law, University College Cork)

3:15–3:30pm

Health break

3:30–4:50pm

## **Panel 8: The Law in Practice – Where the Rubber Meets the Robe**

**Chair: Daleen Millard**, Dean (Faculty of Law, TRU)

- *Tort Law's Numerus Clausus*  
**Amit Singh**, Doctoral Candidate (Harvard Law School, Harvard University)
- *Strata Property Disputes before the BC Civil Resolution Tribunal: An Empirical Analysis*  
**Adam Hofri-Winogradow**, Professor (Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia) & **Samuel Beswick**, Assistant Professor (Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

4:50–5:05pm

Transition break

5:05–5:15pm

**Concluding Remarks**

6:00–9:00pm

**Optional End-of-Conference Drinks – The Noble Pig**