



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS REGION 15 MEETING

New York - Upstate | Ontario | Quebec
Omni King Edward Hotel, Toronto
May 28 - 31, 2026

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Evening arrival and check-in

Omni King Edward
37 King Street East, Ontario
Please wear name badge at all College functions

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration and Badge Pick-up

Omni King Edward
Lobby Lounge

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Cocktail Reception

Lobby Lounge

Business Casual Attire

Attendees will be on their own for dinner.
Suggested restaurant List included in packet.

Friday, May 29, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Network Breakfast

Lobby Lounge

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

General Session

Sovereign Ballroom
Business Casual Attire

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Opening Remarks and Land Acknowledgement

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Panel 1: The Challenges to Investigative Media and the Rule of Law

- Caryma Sa'd, Lawyer and Citizen Journalist
- Rob Cribb, Journalist and Founder and Director of Investigative Journalism Bureau
- Moderator: Jonathan Rosenthal, Province Vice Chair

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Panel 2: Judicial Independence

- The Honourable Alexandra Hoy
- The Honourable David Doherty
- Judge Robert E. Antonacci
- Moderator: J. Thomas Curry, General Committee Chair

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Panel 3: Checks and Balances in Democracies

- Trevor Farrow, Dean Osgoode Hall Law School
- Christian Leblanc, Canadian Media Lawyers' Association
- Laura-Julie Perreault, Journalist, La Presse newspaper
- Moderator: Nadine Touma, Fellow

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Spotlight Address

- Timea Nagy, Human Rights Activist and Survivor of Human Trafficking
- Introduction: Rob Hooper, Fellow

12:15 p.m.

General Session Ends

Lunch on your own

Optional Activities *(Pre-registration required)*

1:00 p.m. Steam Whistle – Tour, Tasting and Lunch

2:00 p.m. Royal Ontario Museum Tour

6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Reception and Dinner

Osgoode Hall - The Law Society, Rotunda

130 Queen Street West, Ontario (Walking distance from the hotel)

Business Casual Attire

6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Reception

Cocktails and Tour

7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Dinner and Remarks

Saturday, May 30, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Network Breakfast

Lobby Lounge

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

General Session

Sovereign Ballroom

Business Casual Attire

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Panel 1 – Teaching Civics and the Rule of Law

- Ken Boyd, CIVIX - ACTL Foundation Recipient
- Introduction: Sandra Forbes, President-Elect

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Spotlight Address

- Heather Greenwood Davis, Author and Storyteller
- Introduction: J. Thomas Curry, General Committee Chair

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Spotlight Address

- Michael Bryant, former Attorney General of Ontario
- Introduction: Julie Desrosiers, Fellow

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Panel 2 – Mental Health: Mental Health Advocacy and Policy

- Michael Bryant, former Attorney General of Ontario
- Dr. David Goldbloom, Psychiatrist and Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry (University of Toronto)
- Beth Beattie, Lawyer and contributor to *"The Right not to Remain Silent: The Truth About Mental health in The Legal Profession"*
- Moderator: Charles L. Falgiatano, State Committee Chair for Upstate New York

12:00 p.m.

General Session Ends

Lunch on your own

Optional Activity *(Pre-registration required)*

1:00 p.m. Rodney's Oyster Bar – Oyster Shucking Class

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Reception and Dinner

Sovereign Ballroom

Cocktail Attire

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Banquet Dinner and Closing Keynote:

**Maria Mitousis – 2026 Recipient of the Beverley McLachlin
Access to Justice Award**

- Welcome Remarks by President John A. Day
- Presentation of the David W. Scott Award to Justice Nancy Backhouse. Presented by Justice Wendy M. Matheson, Fellow
- Keynote Address by Maria Mitousis

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Farewell and Departures