



PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE IN PRACTICE

Friday, November 15, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

West Block – 111 Wellington Street, Room 225-A, Ottawa, Ontario

(Entry via the [Visitors Welcome Center](#), located to the right of the building)

While sometimes relegated to the shadows of public attention, parliamentary privilege has been in the spotlight in recent months both at the federal and provincial levels. This seminar explores some of the least understood but most foundational elements of our parliamentary system, bringing together practitioners and academics.

PARLIAMENTARY AND PROCEDURAL CONTEXT

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Moderator: Caroline Bosc, Deputy Principal Clerk, House of Commons

- Michel Bédard, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, House of Commons
- Jean-Philippe Brochu, Clerk Assistant, House of Commons
- Laurence Brosseau, Analyst, Library of Parliament
- Till Heyde, Clerk Assistant, Senate
- Will Wong, Senior Parliamentary Counsel, Legislative Assembly of Ontario

BREAK

11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

REFLECTIONS OF A RETIRED PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL

11:45 a.m. to noon

Moderator: Charlie Feldman, President, Canadian Study of Parliament Group

- Greg Tardi, retired Senior Parliamentary Counsel, House of Commons

LUNCH WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

“STANDARDS AND PRIVILEGE: THE UK EXPERIENCE”

Noon to 1:15 p.m.

- Saira Salimi, Speaker's Counsel, House of Commons (United Kingdom)

PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE IN LITIGATION

1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Moderator: Élise Hurtubise-Loranger, Senior Parliamentary Counsel, Senate

- Dara Lithwick, Legal Counsel, House of Commons
- Maxime St-Hilaire, Full Professor, Law School, Université de Sherbrooke
- David Taylor, Managing Partner, Conway Litigation

BREAK

2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

CANADA (ATTORNEY GENERAL) V. POWER CASE

2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Moderator: Jonathan Shanks, Board Member, Canadian Study of Parliament Group

- Alexa Biscaro, Of Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright
- Marc-André Roy, Senior Parliamentary Counsel, Senate

BREAK

3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE

3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Moderator: Jonathan Shanks, Board Member, Canadian Study of Parliament Group

- Lorne Neudorf, Dean and Professor, Law School, La Trobe University (Australia)

REGISTRATION: To register for this seminar only, click [here](#). **The deadline to register to this seminar is Wednesday, November 13, 2024.**

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Hybrid event with online participation available

Bilingual event with simultaneous interpretation available in English and French

Coffee and lunch offered to in-person participants

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Single seminar: 175\$

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