EDUCATIONAL CALENDAR

Your lifelong partner in continuing legal excellence
As your lifelong partner in continuing legal excellence, LESA provides programs and resources to assist you in maximizing your continuing legal education (CLE) experiences and aid in your continuing professional development (CPD) planning.

Our 2017/2018 calendar contains a fresh list of quality educational programming designed for the complete spectrum of Alberta lawyers, articling students, and support staff. Register online, phone us, or complete and submit the registration form included with each program brochure. Take note of our limited enrolment programs and early bird discounts.

Each year, LESA fills upwards of 800 volunteer positions. The success of our programs is due largely to the dedication of our volunteers – program faculty, CPLED facilitators and evaluators, resource authors and reviewers, and other contributors.

Gain recognition within your profession, and collaborate with respected colleagues as a LESA volunteer. Keep current in your field of practice while cultivating new skills. Find out how you can get involved; contact us at 780.420.1987 or info@lesa.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Find it!

Watch for this icon beside programs that will be available as a Seminar on Demand!
The alphabetical program listing on pages 3–9 is designed to aid with your 2017/2018 CPD planning. To search for programs by category, please refer to the CPD planning resource on pages 12 & 13.

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**7th Annual Law & Practice Update**

General practitioners and those practicing in smaller firms face unique challenges. This 2-day conference provides updates on a full spectrum of substantive law and practice management topics.

- EDMONTON - October 20–21, 2017
- Multi-day
- $795 + GST; Early Bird: $755 + GST (Register on or before September 19, 2017)
- Online registration code: 32060

**36th Annual Intensive Advocacy**

Develop a confident, professional courtroom presence by exploring every aspect of trial and hearing work in this intensive, week-long workshop.

- CALGARY - June 11–16, 2018
- Limited Enrolment
- Multi-day
- $2,795 + GST
- Online registration code: 32088

**51st Annual Refresher: Business**

Join us in spectacular Lake Louise for our 51st Annual Refresher: Business. Deepen substantive legal knowledge and connect with top practitioners from across Alberta. Get approximately 18 hours of programming in various business, corporate, and commercial law topics.

- LAKE LOUISE - May 6–8, 2018
- Multi-day
- $2,195 + GST; Early Bird: $1,945 + GST (Register on or before March 21, 2018)
- Online registration code: 32083

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“In 36 years of practice in Canada and the United States, this was the single most excellent CLE presentation.”

— PAST REFRESHER ATTENDEE

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**Administrative Law Fundamentals**

Develop a solid foundation in administrative law through an examination of natural justice principles, evidentiary issues, and the judicial review process. Consider practical tips and strategies for navigating administrative law matters.

- EDMONTON - February 1, 2018
- CALGARY - February 8, 2018
- Full-day
- $395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before December 19, 2017)
- Online registration code: 32071
Advanced Estate Administration

Estate administration matters frequently involve complex and unique challenges. Discuss practical and philosophical issues that senior level practitioners face.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before March 28, 2018)
Online registration code: 32081

EDMONTON - May 2, 2018
CALGARY - May 11, 2018
Limited Enrolment
Full-day

Alberta Legal Technology Conference

Participate in an Alberta-specific event focused on legal technology. Learn about applications designed for those in the legal sector, and take the opportunity to speak with a range of product suppliers and service providers.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before April 17, 2018)
Online registration code: 32085

CALGARY - May 25, 2018
Full-day

We tell ourselves that truly revolutionary developments are a long ways off or fall within the realm of science fiction—not so...

— JAMES T. SWANSON

Bankruptcy and Insolvency Fundamentals

Review substantive and procedural issues involved in bankruptcy and insolvency matters. Explore enforcement and protection mechanisms in both a business and personal context.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before September 12, 2017)
Online registration code: 32058

CALGARY - October 17, 2017
EDMONTON - October 24, 2017
Full-day

Basic Collaborative Law

Collaborative law training is one of the three courses necessary to become a collaborative professional. This course is recognized by collaborative law associations in Alberta.

$795 + GST
Online registration code: 32051

EDMONTON - September 28–30, 2017
Limited Enrolment
Multi-day

Beyond Blended Families

Review legal issues in “uncommon” relationships. Explore non-traditional forms of relationships, and identify emerging legal issues in family law, wills and estates, real estate, and other matters that may arise as a result of such relationships.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before January 16, 2018)
Online registration code: 32057

EDMONTON - February 20, 2018
CALGARY - February 28, 2018
Full-day
Business Disputes

Despite best intentions, business disputes frequently arise. Investigate mechanisms and strategies for avoiding and resolving disputes.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before March 28, 2018)
Online registration code: 32082

Business Issues in Family Law Matters

Corporate and business issues often arise in family law. Learn to confidently advise clients, find out when to seek expert advice, and explore strategies and solutions in matrimonial property and support scenarios.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before December 12, 2017)
Online registration code: 32068

Canada 150 – Constitutional Law Symposium

Review and analyze the effects of recent Supreme Court of Canada constitutional decisions and other developments. This program is offered in collaboration with the Centre for Constitutional Studies.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before September 19, 2017)
Online registration code: 32061

Civil Advocacy Series: Argument

Every litigator requires honed skills to effectively tie evidence and law together. Discover and practice effective techniques in this skills-based program.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before March 6, 2018)
Online registration code: 32078

Criminal Procedure Fundamentals

Develop confidence and competence in handling criminal law matters. Review criminal procedure principles, learn effective file management strategies, and consider implications of the Charter and recent case law.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before December 12, 2017)
Online registration code: 32070

Custody and Access 2018

Gain an in-depth understanding of custody and access. Learn about recent developments in case law, and discover practical strategies for addressing challenging issues.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before February 5, 2018)
Online registration code: 32075
Effective Legal Writing

Effective writing skills are critical for lawyers and their staff. Improve legal writing through hands-on practice and individual feedback.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before August 15, 2017)
Online registration code: 32052

Elder Law Topics

Explore elder law issues, including separation, divorce, matrimonial property, adult guardianship and trusteeship, wills and estates, capacity, elder abuse, and more.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before April 17, 2018)
Online registration code: 32086

Estate Planning for the Average Wealth Client

A proper estate plan is important for all clients. Explore key elements in estate planning, and balance cost-effective measures to meet clients’ needs and expectations.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before October 24, 2017)
Online registration code: 32066

Family Farm Issues

Family farms have unique legal issues. Explore matrimonial property, estate planning, corporate structuring, tax, and other matters related to family farms.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before September 26, 2017)
Online registration code: 32062

Family Law 25

Review 5 key cases in 5 areas of family law: spousal/partner support, child support, property, protection against family violence, and child welfare.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before February 5, 2018)
Online registration code: 32076
Family Law During Recessionary Times

Lawyers are often called on to help clients resolve a multitude of issues—especially in a strained economy. Investigate practical, proactive solutions in family law matters.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before September 12, 2017)
Online registration code: 32073

Getting the Most Out of Microsoft® Word

Microsoft® Word is an everyday staple in most law settings. Improve efficiency, increase productivity, and streamline your practice.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before October 24, 2017)
Online registration code: 32065

Interest Based Negotiations

Learn about principled negotiation and how it differs from adversarial negotiation in this 4-day course. This course is recognized by collaborative law associations in Alberta.

$1,395 + GST
Online registration code: 32050

Intersection of Immigration and Criminal Law

Criminal issues often arise in immigration matters and vice versa. Learn how to competently advise clients when immigration and criminal issues intersect.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before December 19, 2017)
Online registration code: 32072

Labour and Employment Law Update

Explore recent developments in labour and employment law. Examine key statutes, influential cases, and common issues.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before October 24, 2017)
Online registration code: 32067

Legalization of Marijuana

As Canada implements legislation to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, new legal issues will surface. Explore implications of the legislative changes in various areas, including employment, impaired driving, real estate, residential tenancies, regulation of marijuana businesses, and more.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before April 10, 2018)
Online registration code: 32084

Litigation Strategies

Strategic litigation decisions and plans should be in place long before a trial begins. Investigate strategies and approaches to litigation as a whole.

$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before December 12, 2017)
Online registration code: 32069
Mastering Personal Finances
Explore strategies for mastering finances and managing wealth.
$275 + GST; Early Bird: $245 + GST (Register on or before March 6, 2018)
Online registration code: 32080

Mediation of Family & Divorce Conflicts
Mediation is increasingly important in the practice of law. This in-depth program provides over 40 hours of intensive, hands-on skills training and is recognized by collaborative law associations in Alberta.
$1,895 + GST
Online registration code: 32048 (November); 32049 (May)

Negotiations Fundamentals
Negotiation skills are critical in every lawyer’s practice. Explore negotiation theory, and develop communication and negotiation skills in this hands-on workshop.
$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before August 15, 2017)
Online registration code: 32054

Real Estate Fundamentals
Develop a solid foundation in real estate law and conveyancing. Review standard documents, processes, and timelines. Examine key legislation, typical contract terms, land titles procedures, and common issues.
$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before March 6, 2018)
Online registration code: 32064

Real Property Law Essentials
Explore strategies for effectively addressing common real property law issues, including adverse possession, partitions and sales, subdivisions, bare land condominiums, and more.
$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before January 16, 2018)
Online registration code: 32074

Search and Seizure
Explore the law of search and seizure, including recent developments regarding interception of communications. Investigate the implications of the Charter, R v Grant, and other cases dealing with exclusion of evidence.
$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before April 24, 2018)
Online registration code: 32087
The Business of Running a Law Practice
Practicing law is different from the business of law. Explore how to run a law practice from business and management perspectives.
$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before September 12, 2017)
Online registration code: 32059

The Law of Damages 2018
Proving liability is only part of a litigator’s task. Delve into the law of damages, and explore common evidentiary issues.
$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before February 5, 2018)
Online registration code: 32077

Top 10+ Things Every Lawyer Should Know (2018)
Clients, family members, and friends often call on lawyers to answer questions in areas outside their practice or interest. Learn how to competently answer the most common questions in multiple practice areas.
$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before March 6, 2018)
Online registration code: 32079

Understanding the Brain – What Lawyers Need to Know
The effects of conflict, addiction, and mental illness affect the way people think. Investigate brain science to better understand and serve clients and others.
$395 + GST; Early Bird: $355 + GST (Register on or before August 15, 2017)
Online registration code: 32053

Best LESA program I have attended so far! Loved the way the question, answer, and leading authorities were provided for each topic. I strongly recommend this program to everyone.”
— PAST TOP 10+ ATTENDEE

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Check out the list below to find out what Seminars on Demand we are adding. Keep your eye out for the Seminar on Demand icon as you flip through the calendar to plan your CPD.

LESA PROGRAM MATERIALS
Download materials from the past 7 years of LESA programming, including materials in the areas of:
- Business Law
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Real Estate
- Wills and Estates
- Legal Support Staff
- Practice Management

Visit LESA.org/Library

LESA PUBLICATIONS
Access fillable forms and editable precedents in LESA's Practice Manuals and Fundamentals series.
- Alberta Civil Practice Manual
- Alberta Family Law Practice Manual
- Alberta Foreclosure Forms Practice Manual
- Alberta Real Estate Practice Manual
- Alberta Surrogate Forms Practice Manual
- Alberta Wills and Estates Practice Manual
- Alberta Law Fundamentals
- Business Law Fundamentals
- Criminal Law Fundamentals

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RESOURCES
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Browse through our current list of Seminars on Demand; visit LESA.org/Classroom.

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Get quality education at your fingertips with an annual subscription to the LESA Library. Search encyclopedia-style articles to easily find the information you need. Gain full access to substantive legal information, procedural tools, practice management tips, and other valuable resources anytime, anywhere.

Built on a user-friendly, wiki-based platform, you can search collections by topic, type, or keyword. Discover practical, Alberta-specific tools and resources on any device, all while saving time and money.

2017/2018 SEMINARS ON DEMAND
Oral Advocacy & Professional Responsibility*
This face-to-face session is a mandatory part of the CPLED Program. It includes instruction and competence testing in oral advocacy skills. Professional responsibility instruction is also included.
CALGARY August 22–24, 2017 or January 3–5, 2018 | EDMONTON August 29–31, 2017 or January 9–11, 2018

Interviewing & Advising*
This face-to-face session is a mandatory part of the CPLED Program. It includes instruction and competence testing in interviewing and advising skills.
CALGARY September 25–27, 2017 or February 7–9, 2018 | EDMONTON September 27–29, 2017 or February 5–7, 2018

Negotiations & Practice Fundamentals*
This face-to-face session is a mandatory part of the CPLED Program. It includes instruction and testing in competence and negotiation skills. Practice fundamentals instruction is also included.
EDMONTON October 30–November 2, 2017 or March 12–15, 2018 | CALGARY November 6–9, 2017 or March 19–22, 2018

*Only students enrolled in the CPLED Program are eligible for these sessions. These courses are included in the Educational Calendar for information and planning purposes only. Course registration for these sessions, as well as for online CPLED modules, is completed as part of the CPLED application process. Visit LESA.org/cpled for details.

STUDENT BURSARY
As a law student or student-at-law, you can receive a 25% discount on many of our programs and educational resources, including LESA Seminars on Demand. Take advantage of this student bursary and jump-start your career by gaining additional knowledge, skills, resources, and networking opportunities.

GIVE BACK TO YOUR PROFESSION
If interested in being a part of our face-to-face CPLED sessions, contact Kathy Fortier, Meeting and Relations Coordinator.
780.969.3556 or kathy.fortier@lesa.org

CONTACT US
For more information about the CPLED Program, visit LESA.org/cpled or contact Craig Edhart, Student Coordinator.
780.969.3554 or craig.edhart@lesa.org
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**SELF-STUDY**

Self-study is an important part of developing a CPD plan. Make the LESA Library and our Seminars on Demand a part of your CPD planning! See page 10 to learn more.
Plan Your CPD

Check the programs of interest to you and refer to the associated page numbers to learn more about each program.

Programs are grouped by common areas of practice. Each category includes substantive legal knowledge programs as well as our suggestions for programs that will help you develop your skills in analysis and communication, practice management, client relationship management, ethics and professionalism, and wellness.
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### Office Closures & Holidays

- Civic Holiday
- Labour Day

### LESA Programming

- C - Oral Advocacy & Professional Responsibility
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**Office Closures & Holidays**

- Christmas Eve
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