

Golden Horseshoe Chapter – CondoTalk Series

Thank you to all the speakers and sponsors who have contributed to our new CondoTalk Series which are held monthly via Zoom. We have had tremendous attendance and support from our members!

The past year we have held the following sessions which can be viewed under past events on our website at www.cci-ghc.a/courses-events/past-events

We would like to thank all the speakers that have dedicated their time and knowledge to participate in these sessions:



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Laura Bryson,
Head of Operations, SWITCH

Laura serves as Head of Operations at SWITCH Energy, a Toronto-based company providing scalable, future-proof electric vehicle (EV) charging and energy management solutions for high-density multi-family buildings. Laura's passion for environmental sustainability took root at a young age and evolved into a lifelong commitment to advancing clean technology. Laura and her team support condominium clients preparing their buildings for growing EV adoption, including navigating, and implementing infrastructure cost-saving strategies and government funding opportunities.



Cameron Carter, BCom, RI, CRP

Cameron Carter is the founder and President of Normac, Canada's insurance appraisal experts. Since 1998, Normac has been delivering superior replacement cost appraisals for condominiums and other building types to ensure that proper insurance coverage is in place. More than \$600B of property assets have been appraised. The Normac team has expert-level experience with construction and demolition costs, condominium law, and the effects of building codes and city bylaws on reconstruction projects. Cameron is an accredited member of the Real Estate Institute of BC and the Real Estate Institute of Canada.



**Antoni Casalnuovo,
Elia Associates**

Antoni Casalnuovo is Elia Associates' senior litigator who specializes in condominium law, and represents clients in a variety of commercial and construction disputes. With a robust knowledge of condominium law and the litigation process, Antoni is tenacious and works hard to achieve positive results and to advance the interest of his clients in adversarial disputes. Antoni has been the successful counsel on a number of precedent setting cases involving condominiums. He has also had a number of judicial decisions and articles reported in a variety of legal and condominium publications, including CM Magazine and CondoVoice. Antoni has represented clients before many levels of Courts and administrative tribunals, including the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Divisional Court of Ontario, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, the Assessment Review Board and the Ontario Landlord and Tenant Board, and is frequently invited to speak at conferences and seminars across the province regarding updates and new trends in condominium law to provide his unique insights. A self-professed soccer hooligan and recently retired soccer/ beer league player, Antoni spends his free time with his wife and three young children. He plans on starting his own soccer team.



Sally-Anne Dooman, RCM

Sally-Anne has over 15 years of experience as a condominium manager, starting with Wilson Blanchard in 2004, managing properties in the Waterloo Region and Brantford. After receiving the designation of Registered Condominium Manager in 2007, Sally gained experience managing in and around the GTA and has been a frequent presenter at CCI conferences and educational sessions, a member of various CCI committees and has written articles for condominium industry publications. Returning as a Director of Property Management in 2019, Sally's responsibilities include training and supervising new managers and trainees and contributing to the leadership of Wilson Blanchard's Hamilton office.



Maria Durdan, B.A., LL.B., ACCI

Maria Durdan is a Partner at SimpsonWigle LAW LLP and the Chair of the Condominium Practice Group. Maria specializes in condominium law, development and administration. Maria supports over 650 of the firm's residential and commercial condominium clients throughout Ontario. Maria has also obtained her Associate of Canadian Condominium Institute (ACCI) designation in law, which recognizes that she has achieved a high level of knowledge and skill of condominium law. Maria is the President of the Canadian Condominium Institute – Golden Horseshoe Chapter and the Chair of the Education Committee and a member of the Hamilton Law Association Real Estate Subcommittee. Maria's practice includes advising boards

of directors, property managers and developers on all areas of condominium law.



Patricia Elia, B.Comm., LL.B.

As a condominium and corporate lawyer, Patricia's practice of 20 years encompasses all aspects of corporate work for condominiums including contract review, shared facilities agreement amendments, declaration amendments, communication strategies, chairing of meetings and litigation support. Patricia supports her condominium clients in all aspects of their condominium communities by finding solutions within the statutory framework of the Condominium Act, 1998 to manage the risks condominiums face today.



**Richard Elia, B.Comm., LL.B., LL.M.
(ADR), ACCI**

Richard Elia had been actively involved in the area of condominium law for over 20 years, advancing the objective of effective and ethical advocacy. Founded in 2001, Elia Associates provides legal services to condominium communities throughout Ontario. Richard holds a Master of Law with a focus on Appropriate Dispute Resolution and the "A.C.C.I." - Associate of the Canadian Condominium Institute - designation, which is the country's only condo-specific designation for condominium professionals. This designation evidences Richard's extensive condominium knowledge.



**Patrick Greco, Partner, Condominium
Law Group, Shibley Righton LLP
Barristers & Solicitors**

He enjoys the full perspective gained from experience providing both solicitor and litigation services to condominium clients. Patrick also has significant expertise with construction and commercial disputes.

Patrick provides the full range of condominium solicitor services, and particularly enjoys attending and chairing difficult owners' meetings.



Sonja Hodis, LL.B

Sonja practices in the area of civil litigation with a specific focus on condominium, estates and employment law. She has appeared before various tribunals in Ontario, the Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal. Sonja has also gained recognition for creativity and tenacity in ground breaking human rights caselaw in the condominium industry. She represents her clients at all levels of court, various Tribunals and in mediation/arbitration proceed-

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ings. Sonja also has experience in worker's compensation law and is currently a Vice Chair at the Workplace Safety Insurance Appeals Tribunal. Sonja is also a frequent speaker on condominium, estate and employment issues and has published articles in various industry publications.



**Nancy Houle, B.A. (Hons), LL.B.,
Davidson Houle Allen LLP**

Nancy Houle is a founding partner at Davidson Houle Allen LLP, practicing exclusively in the area of condominium and joint property law. She is also a frequent guest lecturer at Canadian Condominium Institute (CCI) Seminars, and has also been a guest on various local radio and television shows including Ottawa Morning on CBC Radio and CBC Television.

Nancy has also participated extensively in the process for revision of the Condominium Act, 1998, through her role as President of CCI Eastern, and on the legislative review committee for CCI. She has also been invited by the Ontario Ministry on several occasions to participate in discussions on the proposed revisions and regulations before and after public release and consultation. She is also the Chair of the CCI National Government Relations Committee.

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**Deborah Howden, Partner, Shibley
Righton LLP**

Since her call to the Bar, Deborah has practised in the area of labour/employment and civil litigation. A large portion of Deborah's practice involves Condominium Law. She has acted as counsel, appearing before administrative tribunals and levels of court in Ontario, for many institutional clients, including condominium corporations.



Chris Jaglowitz

Chris has practiced condominium law and dispute resolution since 2003. He serves condo communities across Ontario with focused, straightforward advice delivered promptly, at a fair price. He represents condominium corporations before courts and tribunals. Chris also acts as a firm but fair owners' meeting chairperson at several dozen condo AGMs each year across the province. In addition to publishing the award-winning Ontario Condo Law Blog from 2008 to 2019, Chris has written and lectured extensively on condominium law and civil litigation topics at seminars, conferences and courses for legal professionals, condominium managers, directors, and unit owners.

He taught condo law at Humber College and sits on the CMRAO's advisory committee for setting educational standards for condo managers.



Michelle Joy, RCM, BA

At Wilson Blanchard, Michelle works closely with the Executive Director of Condominium Management in the Hamilton office supervising and training staff. She has been working in the condominium industry since 2013 and achieved the designation of Registered Condominium Manager (RCM) with the Association of Condominium Managers of Ontario (ACMO) in 2017. Michelle is actively involved in the condominium industry and has participated as a speaker at CCI events, volunteered on CCI committees and written articles for Wilson Blanchard's Condo Connection.

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**Malcolm John MacLeod, R.C.M.,
OLCM**

John MacLeod is a past Director for Golden Horseshoe Chapter of the Canadian Condominium Institute - and has been active on many committees. He has also been a speaker and moderator for many of the educational classes hosted by the Chapter. He has been involved in the Real Estate and Property Management industry since 1973 and has been actively involved with Condominiums for over 20 years. Born and raised in the Golden Horseshoe area, John is well known in the real estate and Condominium Management industry. Founder of Key Property Management & Consultants (KPM) John provides his unique style and methods to handle the growing needs and demands of his condominium, residential and commercial clients.

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**Erik Savas,
SimpsonWigle Law LLP**

Erik Savas is a partner with SimpsonWigle Law LLP and in a non pandemic year, practises out of the firm's Burlington office. Erik joined the firm in 2002 and since then, has focussed his practice on advising the firm's many condominium clients in dispute resolution related matters. Erik routinely handles compliance/enforcement cases involving for example noise violations, unauthorized common element alterations and smoking, parking and pet restrictions. Erik also frequently acts for condominium corporation clients pursuing lien/power of sale enforcement of common expense arrears, as well as claims for common element deficiencies and under shared facility agreements. Erik has obtained orders requiring owners to sell their units due to harassment of residents/the board and management. He has also acted for Condominium Administrators appointed under the Act due to board mismanagement or malfeasance and has been involved in many important reported cases in the area of condominium law and jurisprudence. He has substantial experience in litigation and arbitration concerning contract terminations under section 112 of the Act by turnover boards and pursuing and defending claims under the oppression remedy section of the Act - section 135. In addition, Erik often is engaged to defend applications in the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal claiming discrimina-

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tion by the condominium corporation and or its property management. Erik has acted over the years for condominium clients in many mediations, arbitrations and court application proceedings. He has appeared in the Small Claims Court, the Landlord Tenant Board, the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal, the Condominium Authority Tribunal, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal.



Mark Shedden

Mark has over 30 years of experience in the insurance industry and is CEO of Atrons-Counsel Insurance Brokers. He is a member of the Canadian Condominium Institute and holds designations with the Insurance Institute of Canada and Registered Insurance Brokers of Ontario. He acts as an advisor to the Ontario Provincial Govern-

ment on the Condominium Act.



**John Thompson,
Owner, HSCC 709P**

John has been a director for one year of a new build condo. Full-time IT Director at Pearson airport.



Jason Truman

Jason Truman is the founder and President of Edison Engineers Inc. He is a Professional Engineer with over 20 years of engineering and construction experience. Jason has worked extensively with condominium clients since 1998 and enjoys educating, engaging, and empowering Boards and Property Managers. He frequently speaks on Reserve Fund Studies and Building Restoration Projects, providing practical and pragmatic advice on managing large capital repair projects and financial planning.



Victor Yee, Hons. B.A., J.D.

As counsel to condominium corporations throughout Ontario at Elia Associates, Victor draws upon his past experience as the President of the Board of Directors for a national award-winning condominium corporation in Toronto, as well as his previous experience as the chairperson of the internal tribunal for Canada's largest student housing cooperative. As a litigator, Victor has successfully represented clients at all levels of court in Ontario and in various tribunals throughout the province, as well as in condominium-related mediations and arbitrations. Victor's natural love of politics helps him advance clients' interests while managing and anticipating the political ebbs and flows that are inherent in condominiums.

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