

# PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

## **DANIEL DANIELE (PROGRAM CHAIR)**

Daniel Daniele practises in all areas of intellectual property law, including copyright, trademarks and patents. Mr. Daniele is also a member of the Supreme Court of Canada and appellate advocacy practice team and the recall and crisis management practice team. Mr. Daniele has particular experience in pharmaceutical patent litigation. He has acted for innovative pharmaceutical companies in proceedings under the Patented Medicines (Notice of Compliance) Regulations, patent infringement actions, patent impeachment actions, section 8 damages actions and patent infringement damages actions. Prior to joining Norton Rose Fulbright's Toronto office, Mr. Daniele worked at a national law firm as a summer student in 2009. He then served as a judicial clerk to the Justices of the Court of Appeal for Ontario from 2010-2011. Mr. Daniele's undergraduate degree focused on applying engineering principles and design concepts to medicine and biology.

## **AMRITA V. SINGH (PROGRAM CHAIR)**

Amrita's practice focuses on litigation in all areas of intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, copyright, confidential information and trade secrets. She is very active in the Ontario Bar Association (OBA) and is currently a Board member, Chair of the Equality Committee, a member of Council, Chair of the Women Lawyers Forum section, and immediate past Chair of the Information Technology and Intellectual Property section. Amrita is also the Chair of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada's (IPIC) Litigation committee and is on the Federal Court IP Users Committee. Amrita has appeared as an expert witness in intellectual property law before the Canadian Federal government, and currently works with and advises the government on other intellectual property issues. She is the 2021 recipient of the Queen's University Law School Dan Soberman Outstanding Young Alumni Award for early career success, and is routinely ranked in various preeminent IP directories by clients and peers for her work in intellectual property law.

## **THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE JUDITH SNIDER**

The Hon. Judith Snider is a retired judge of the Federal Court with 40 years of legal experience, many of which involved decision making in highly technical and scientific areas of law. From 1983 to 1992, Ms. Snider practised law in a Calgary law firm, with the practice specialty of administrative law in the oil and gas sector. In 1992, she joined the National Energy Board as General Counsel, where she advised the Chairman of the Board and led the team of lawyers and paralegals providing legal services and advice to the Board on regulatory, litigation and operational matters. In 1995, Ms. Snider was appointed as a Member and, in 1999, as Vice Chairman of the National Energy Board.

As a Member and Vice Chairman, she participated in the regulation of international and interprovincial aspects of the oil, gas and electric utilities industry. From 2002 to 2013, Ms. Snider served as a judge of the Federal Court, Canada's national court, where she presided over complex trials and judicial reviews of decisions of federal boards, agencies and tribunals, with particular focus on immigration and intellectual property matters.

During that time, she was also a judge of the Court Martial Appeal Court. From 2015 to 2020, she acted as a neutral panelist, mediator and arbitrator with JAMS ADR Services, the largest private alternative dispute resolution provider in the world. Ms. Snider holds a BSc, with a major in mathematics, from Carleton University (1973) and an LLB from the University of Calgary (1981).

## **ASMA FAIZI**

Asma Faizi has practiced in all areas of intellectual property law, with particular focus on litigation, copyright law and patent law. She has a Master of Science in Pharmacology and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Toronto. Asma is currently General Counsel at Access Copyright, a not-for-profit organization that represents the works of hundreds of thousands of Canadian and foreign writers, visual artists and publishers. Access Copyright also has a creator-focused innovation lab, dedicated to exploring the future of rights management and content monetization through Blockchain and other technologies. Asma is also the President of the Afghan Women's Organization. She has been advocating for the rights of Afghan women and girls for close to 25 years.

## **SANA HALWANI**

Sana Halwani is a Partner at Lenczner Slaght and leads the firm's growing Intellectual Property practice. She represents diverse clients in patent, copyright, and trademark matters, at all levels of the Ontario and Federal courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada. Sana is Chair of the firm's EDI Committee and a diversity champion who spearheaded ReferToHer in 2019, a series of lists of experienced female lawyers to whom lawyers and clients can confidently refer work. As Chair of the firm's Innovation Hive and member of the Strategic Planning Committee, Sana also evangelizes the use of technology in and out of the courtroom by leading the firm's Digital Default and technology adoption initiatives. Sana has been recognized for her professional expertise by prominent ranking publications including Chambers, Lexpert, and IAM Patent 1000. She holds a JD from the

University of Toronto, a BSc in Biochemistry from Queen's University, and a MA in Biotechnological Law and Ethics from the University of Sheffield, UK. Prior to entering private practice, Sana clerked for Justice Rosalie Abella of the Supreme Court of Canada. She has held numerous volunteer leadership positions including Director and Secretary of the Writer's Trust of Canada, President of the University of Toronto Alumni Association, and Director of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada. Sana lives in Toronto with her husband, two sons, and neurotic yet lovable Australian Shepherd.

#### **R. SCOTT MACKENDRICK**

Scott MacKendrick is a partner with Bereskin & Parr LLP, a member of the firm's Executive Committee, and the past chair of the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Scott's practices cover all areas of intellectual property law, with a particular focus on litigation. He has represented domestic and multinational clients in patent litigation in pharmaceutical, medical device, chemical, mechanical and software technologies, and has considerable experience in trademark, copyright, industrial design and trade secret litigation, and in domain name dispute resolution proceedings. Much of his litigation experience has been as part of international teams fighting large multinational IP disputes. He also has an active practice before the Canadian Trademarks Opposition Board, and advises clients on trademark dispute strategies.