



Biographies

Diane Janisse, Staff Lawyer
Clinic Resource Office

Diane Janisse has been a staff lawyer at the Clinic Resource Office since May 2000, providing research and litigation support to Ontario's community legal clinics. Her areas of focus include: CPP/OAS, EI and Administrative Law. Prior to this, she worked on D.J.M. Brown & J.M. Evans, *Judicial Review of Administrative Action in Canada*, loose-leaf (Toronto: Carswell). Diane received an LL.M. in Administrative Law from Osgoode Hall in 1999.

Advanced Advocacy Skills

Friday, May 18, 2018 • 9:00 am - 12:15 pm

Presenter:

**Diane Janisse - CRO Marie Chen - ISAC &
Terrence Copes - Sudbury CLC**

Workshop Summary:

This session provides caseworkers with an opportunity to enhance their skills at written advocacy and oral advocacy with an emphasis on developing a 'theory of a case'. Participants will have the opportunity to practice and apply these skills through a mixture of group and individual exercises, using Canada Pension Plan – Disability as a case study.

Format:

Part I: Developing a Case Theory & Written Advocacy

A nuts and bolts session on developing a 'theory of the case' in the CPP-D context. The group will work together to draft written submissions and learn how to craft clear sentences and paragraphs; use "point-first" writing; and identify common pitfalls that undermine written advocacy.

Part II: Identifying "Appealable" Issues/Oral Advocacy

A workshop on how to identify issues on appeal. Time-permitting, participants will get a chance to write and perform oral argument of an appealable issue in CPP-D case studies.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- (i) Develop a theory of a case in a CPP-D context
- (ii) Write effective sentences and paragraphs; demonstrate "point-first" writing;
- (iii) Analyze a Tribunal decision; identify legal issues and describe those issues in an effective manner.
- (iv) Demonstrate effective oral advocacy skills.



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Marie Chen, Staff Lawyer

Income Security Advocacy Centre

Marie Chen is a staff lawyer at the Income Security Advocacy Centre working in test case, human rights and Charter litigation addressing systemic issues relating to provincial and federal income security programs. She has extensive experience in constitutional and human rights law and has appeared before various tribunals and levels of Court including the Supreme Court of Canada. Marie has engaged in advocacy and law reform at Canadian and international forums and has been involved in government consultative groups such as the Ontario Hate Crimes Community Working Group. She currently sits on the Canada Pension Plan Disability Client and Stakeholder Roundtable. Marie worked for almost a decade at the African Canadian Legal Clinic in test case litigation addressing systemic racism. Before joining the ACLC, Marie practiced immigration and refugee law with Jackman and Associates. She has also worked at the Clinic Resource Office (Legal Aid Ontario) and at the Toronto Ombudsman where she was involved in several systemic investigations into municipal administrative processes.

**Terrence Copes
Clinic Director,
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