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## Tips for Successfully Building Access to Justice into your Law Practice

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## Getting Started

<https://www.practicepro.ca/2021/04/cultivate-your-innovation-mindsets-to-build-your-future-practice-today/>

## Business Plans and Law Firm Budgets

<https://www.practicepro.ca/practice-aids/precedents/law-firm-business-plan-precedent/>

<https://www.practicepro.ca/practice-aids/precedents/law-firm-budget-precedent/>

## Retainers and Limited Scope Retainer Resources

<https://www.practicepro.ca/practice-aids/precedents/retainers/>

<https://www.practicepro.ca/practice-aids/limited-scope-representation-resources/>

## Legal Checkup Resource

<https://www.practicepro.ca/practice-aids/checklists/annual-legal-health-check-up/>

## Pro Bono Resources

<https://www.practicepro.ca/2016/09/whats-my-coverage-when-working-pro-bono/>

<https://www.practicepro.ca/2021/02/preparing-for-pro-bono-tips-for-successfully-delivering-pro-bono-services/>

## Practice Tips and Mentoring Resources

<https://www.practicepro.ca/practice-aids/practice-tip-sheets/>

<https://www.practicepro.ca/practice-aids/claims-fact-sheets/>

<https://www.practicepro.ca/2021/06/ontario-mentoring-programs-guide/>

## Cultural Competency Resources

<https://www.practicepro.ca/2020/12/diversity-inclusion-and-cultural-competence-to-reduce-risk/>

## Technology and Practice Management Tips

<https://www.practicepro.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Technology-Products-for-Lawyers-and-Law-Firms-November-2020-Update.pdf>

## Resources for New Lawyers

<https://www.practicepro.ca/practice-aids/new-lawYer-resources/>

## Sitting on a Non-Profit Board: A Risk Management Checklist

<https://www.practicepro.ca/practice-aids/checklists/sitting-on-a-non-profit-board-a-risk-management-checklist/>

## SPEAKER BIOS

### *Neha Chugh*



**Neha Chugh** is a criminal lawyer practicing in the East region. Neha started Chugh Law in 2014 her love of criminal law, working with individuals and families, serving the vulnerable population, and working with community members in Cornwall, Ontario is evidenced in all of the work that she does. Neha graduated from the University of Waterloo with honours degrees in Sociology and Social Work, a Masters of Science from the University of Guelph in Planning, and a juris doctorate Osgoode Hall Law School at York University and is currently working on a PhD in Sociology from Concordia University

Neha also serves at as the prosecutor in the Akwesasne Court, assists with provincial offences prosecutions with the City of Cornwall, and is an instructor at Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education & Training Institute. Neha was appointed as the Law Foundation of Ontario's representative on the Board of Governors of the Law Commission of Ontario. Neha serves the community of Cornwall by sitting on various charitable boards around town and giving her time through volunteer work. In her spare time, Neha hangs out with her three kids and spouse.

## *Will Horne*



**Will Horne** is an associate in McCarthy Tétrault's Business Law Group in Toronto. He maintains an industry-focused practice with particular emphasis on transactional, environmental, and regulatory services in the energy and power industry. Will advises on a range of corporate and commercial transactions including mergers & acquisitions, capital markets and securities law, as well as government matters. As a contributor to McCarthy Tétrault's [Inclusion Now](#) initiative, Will is committed to advancing diversity and inclusion at the Firm and beyond. In particular, Will is focused on building partnerships with the LGBTQ2S community, including through pro bono legal clinics and mentoring initiatives.

## ***Erin O'Rourke***



**Erin O'Rourke** is a lifelong advocate of improving access to justice and prides herself on providing fair and competent legal advice. She has built her practice around authentic and affordable legal services and focuses on employment, immigration, litigation and tenancy matters. Her belief in self-improvement and her love for the great outdoors bring a compassionate and human touch to way she helps clients with their legal needs.

## *Leslie Anne St. Amour*



**Leslie Anne St. Amour** (she/her) is a fearless young lawyer. She was born and raised in Eastern Ontario and is a member of the Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation and has mixed Algonquin and settler heritage. She currently resides in Toronto.

As a law student at the University of Toronto, Leslie Anne joined the Board of Aboriginal Legal Services. She was also the recipient of the University of Toronto's Dean's Leadership Award in 2018 and the John Willis Student Leadership Award in 2020. She joins Durant Barristers after completing her articles with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks where she had the opportunity to participate in litigation, regulation drafting and prosecutions of environmental offenses.

Leslie Anne is the co-host of the podcast "[Rebalancing Act](#)" which she created with a law school colleague. The podcast interviews experts and discusses climate solutions in an accessible way for young people.

## *Juda Strawczynski*



Juda manages and promotes practicePRO, LAWPRO's innovative claims and risk management initiative, including identifying emerging claims and risk, resource creation, and outreach to the profession.

Prior to joining LAWPRO, he served as a Policy Counsel at the Law Society of Ontario, where he provided strategic counsel with respect to key issues facing the legal profession, including access to justice, professional regulation, governance and legislative issues. Prior to that, Juda practised litigation, and served as a Fellow at Physicians for Human Rights in Cambridge, MA, as President of Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights (CLAHR) from 2013 to 2018, and as a Director of the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation. Juda has a Bachelor of Arts from McGill University in Humanistic Studies and International Development Studies, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Toronto.