



# REAL ESTATE

## Practice Basics 2016

# Biographical Summaries of Presenters

[Presented in alphabetical order]

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**JOEL KADISH**

**Barrister & Solicitor**

Joel Kadish received his LL.B. (no I am not changing it to a JD) from the University of Western Ontario in 1990, much to the relief of his parents. His Toronto practice specializes in real estate, leasing and essentially anything to do with dirt.

Mr. Kadish was a Bar Admission Course instructor for 10 year. He now edits the solicitor materials on residential real estate. He is a speaker on real estate matters for the Law Society of Upper Canada. He has chaired several programs on opening your own practice.

Along with that he has two kids, Maddy and Noah. He misses his mom and dad every day.

He has been a sole practitioner since 1998 and wonders if the phone will ring next week with work. The constant paranoia fuels his work ethic.

For his fourth and hopefully final mid-life crisis, he learned how to ride a motorcycle. He rides a 2009 flame red BMW f650gs (with heated grips and abs).

He is currently trying to figure out if blogging and twitter are just fun or can be used for marketing.

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## **Raymond G. Leclair, LL.B.**



Ray Leclair joined Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LAWPRO) in June of 2008 in the role of Vice President, TitlePLUS, and as of May, 2012 became Vice President, Public Affairs.

Formerly General Counsel for the Kanata Research Park Corporation, a development company and major commercial landlord in Ottawa, Ray has practised in both major national law firms and as a sole practitioner, and was a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa Law School and Cité Collégiale instructing the French language portion of the real estate law course. He also served for 15 years as the Ottawa senior instructor for the French and English Real Estate Sections of the Bar Admission Course and member of the Law Society of Upper Canada's Solicitor Advisory Group, Licensing Process.

Called to the bar in 1984, Ray is member of the Ontario Bar Association Council, executive member of CBA's National Sections Council, past member of its budget committee, Past-Chair of both the National Real Property Section of the Canadian Bar Association and of the Real Property Section of the Ontario Bar Association and formerly Vice President of the North American Bar-related® Title Insurers. He was Co-Chair, and remains a member of the Working Group on Lawyers & Real Estate, is President of the Ontario Real Estate Lawyers Association (ORELA), Past President of the Advisory Committee for the Cité Collégiale Legal Assistants Program and volunteer's as Manager of the fundraiser TOM\* MensFashion4Hope and a VIP & Sponsor Relations Officer for Toronto Men's Fashion Week (TOM\*). Ray is and has been a frequent speaker/presenter, in French or English, in numerous programs on various real estate and other law related topics in Canada and the United States.



## Isenberg & Shuman

Barristers, Solicitors, & Notaries

Alvin Isenberg, M.A., LL.B. (Retired)  
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### Lorne Shuman Biography

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Lorne joined Isenberg & Shuman in January 2011. Isenberg & Shuman is a law firm that specializes in real estate law. It also provides services in commercial leasing, corporate law, wills and estates and purchase and sale of a business.

Prior to joining Isenberg & Shuman, Lorne worked for over twelve (12) years as the Director, Legal Services for First Canadian Title.

Prior to joining First Canadian Title, Lorne was an associate practitioner practising real estate law in Toronto. Prior to this, Lorne was a sole practitioner in Toronto.

A 1992 graduate of The University of Windsor's Faculty of Law, Lorne also holds a Specialized Honours Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy and Administration from York University. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1994.

Lorne has lectured extensively on the subject of title insurance for numerous Real Estate Boards throughout Ontario and is an approved facilitator for the Toronto Real Estate Board and the Real Estate Council of Ontario.

Lorne has also lectured at the Law Society of Upper Canada's "Real Estate Practice Basics Program" for several years.

His work has also appeared in various publications including Law Times, the Toronto Star, the Globe & Mail and the National Post. Lorne has had numerous appearances on television including appearances on CTV's Canada AM, Rogers Cable TV, CP24's Hot Properties, as well as various local cable television networks. Most recently, Lorne has appeared on radio interviews, along with Bryan Baeumler, host of TV's *Disaster DIY*, in support of First Canadian Title's 'Your Home Has A History' consumer awareness campaign.

**Lori Swartz**

Lori Swartz is TitlePLUS® Legal Counsel at Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LAWPRO®). She is a graduate of University of Toronto, and University of British Columbia Law School and she was called to the Ontario Bar in 1997. Before joining LAWPRO, she practiced in a general practice with an emphasis on real estate. She is actively involved in the Ontario Bar Association, including the executives for the Real Property Section and the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association – Ontario Chapter. She regularly gives presentations for the Ontario Bar Association, the Law Society of Upper Canada and other organizations on topics related to lawyer risk management, title insurance, claims and real estate law.



**TANNIS A. WAUGH**  
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Tannis was called to the bar in 2003 and practices in the areas of real estate, corporate/commercial, and estate planning. She practiced in a boutique firm in Toronto for three years before becoming a sole practitioner practicing in the areas of real estate, estate planning and corporate.

As a former Trustee for the Toronto Lawyers Association, Tannis has been involved in advocacy and education initiatives, most notably the moderator and presenter of continuing education programmes and writer of articles for the TLA journal. She currently sits on the education committee which is responsible for producing CPD programmes for Toronto lawyers.

She is also a member of the Condominium Sub-documents Committee of the Working Group on Lawyers and Real Estate which is responsible for producing province-wide precedent materials for condominium transactions.

Tannis is a frequent presenter for continuing legal education programmes and, in the past, has spoken on the issue of real estate, estates and ethics for the Canadian Bar Association, Ontario Bar Association, Law Society of Upper Canada, The Commons Institute, The Institute of Law Clerks for Ontario and the Toronto Lawyers Association.

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University of Oxford, BCL (First Class)  
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Zahra practices in Real Estate and Municipal, Land Use and Development law. She is retained on the purchase and sale of all classes of properties, municipal approvals, land use controls, and the development of real estate, including associated financing and leasing issues.