Biographical Summary of Speakers

(In Alphabetical Order)

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George Brown has been practicing as a paralegal since 1990, and since then he has developed considerable experience defending individuals and companies in small claims court, landlord and tenant boards, human rights tribunals, areas of immigration and condominium law, and judgment enforcement.

In addition to his practice, George Brown Professional Corporation, George is also the founder and secretary of the Ontario Paralegal Network (OPN) and the Ontario Paralegal Association (OPA), as well as the board liaison for OPA’s membership committee. As the foremost champion of the paralegal profession, George spearheaded a movement to enhance and promote the paralegal profession in Ontario. Some of his efforts include, but are not limited to, a Cogeco presentation of “Get Legal”, hosted by Roger Dinner; a Meet the Candidates event; paralegal at World Pride; Paralegals for Prostate; and the first radio ad about the paralegal profession.

George is also a solid contributor to the professional development of Ontario paralegals. He has taught and assisted in a number of continuing education courses for the OPN, the Paralegal Society of Ontario, and the Law Society of Upper Canada.
Kim Bugby joined the Landlord and Tenant Board, then the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal, in 2004 and has served variously as a Member, Regional Vice Chair, Coordinating Vice Chair and Associate Chair. Kim came to the Board with extensive experience in community and social services for children, youth and adults. This includes social assistance, housing, education, community mental health services and rehabilitative case management. She graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and holds a Diploma in Developmental Services from Loyalist College.
David (Berel) Ciobotaru has been acting for Ontario Landlords since 1984. Mr. Ciobotaru is currently director and partner of D&D Associates Paralegal Professional Corporation. Mr. Ciobotaru ran the business operations of the firm and its predecessors prior to working as a paralegal and developing his advocacy skills to represent clients before the Ontario Courts, the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal and now the Landlord and Tenant Board.

Mr. Ciobotaru was in the first group of paralegals to become licensed by the Law Society of Upper Canada in March 2008.

Mr. Ciobotaru as an experienced advocator represents Ontario Landlords before the Landlord and Tenant Board on a near daily basis.

Mr. Ciobotaru is a Commissioner for taking oaths in the Province of Ontario for work done within the permitted scope of practice of a licensed paralegal.

Mr. Ciobotaru is a member of the Licensed Paralegal Association (Ontario) and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.
Beverly Moore is currently the Alternate Executive Chair of the Social Justice Tribunals of Ontario and the Associate Chair of the Social Benefits Tribunal. She served previously as a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board, and as a Vice Chair of the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal and the Social Assistance Review Board. She has over 20 years of adjudicative and administrative law experience.
C. APRIL STEWART

Founder, Landlord Legal Paralegal PC

April “The Terminator” Stewart has this unique nickname because she has successfully terminated so many problem tenancies. Her goal is to save landlords from nightmare tenants, navigate the eviction process efficiently and accurately for clients, and to provide a voice for residential landlords thorough effective and assertive advocacy. April is proud of the fact that she has only ever represented the interests of landlords in the countless matters she has represented throughout Ontario.

April’s career evolved from a series of personal experiences that resulted in the founding of her current business, Landlord Legal. She has since emerged as one of Ontario’s most dedicated landlord advocates. Personal experiences as both a landlord and a tenant, combined with the operation of her own residential property management company paved the way for the creation of Landlord Legal. April was among the very first group of paralegals licensed by the Law Society of Upper Canada, while at that time struggling as a single parent to three young children. Dedication and hard work do pay off!

April has enjoyed many acknowledgements of her proficiency, most recently featured in Toronto Life Magazine, the Toronto Star, the National Post, and appeared nationally on Global TV’s 16x9 Series and on CTV Canada AM. Landlord Legal now serves clients covering a colossal part of Ontario ranging from Whitby to Toronto to Barrie and over to Grey and Bruce counties. She regularly provides educational seminars to landlords, realtors and investment groups around Ontario. In 2017, April was successful in her bid for a seat on the Landlord and Tenant Board’s Practice Advisory Committee, representing the interests of landlords. One of her favourite roles is her participation in the CBC sponsored Dragon’s Den Competition, where she has sat on the panel of “Dragons” in the local Meaford, Ontario competition for the past three years. April has recently joined the faculty of Georgian College in Owen Sound, where she is an instructor in the Law Clerk program.

How does this busy lady relax? Peaceful country living in beautiful Grey County – with the peace occasionally interrupted by the rumble of a motorcycle, ATV or snowmobile! April also enjoys “off grid” camping, fishing and escaping the demands of business ownership every summer with her family.