

2026 Insolvency & Restructuring Exchange

September 24th, 2026

Exchange Conference



Thursday, September 24, 2026, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration opens at 7:30 am
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building
222 Bremner Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario M5V 2T6



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The **Insolvency and Restructuring Exchange** is the best place for professionals from **consumer and corporate** restructuring practices to network and learn together at CAIRP's largest one-day event of the year. Attendees will get the opportunity to meet and hear from lawyers, members of the judiciary, lenders and government officials as part of this exciting program. Don't miss this chance to invest in your professional growth.

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Time	Session
7:30am	Registration & Breakfast Sponsored by Hoyes, Michalos & Associates Inc.
8:00am	Opening Remarks and Welcome from the Committee Co-Chairs: Stefano Damiani, CIRP, LIT, Bricks Damiani Inc., and Brad Newton, CIRP, Royal Bank of Canada
8:15am	CAIRP & OSB Update OSB Superintendent Elisabeth Lang and CAIRP Chair Craig Munro will be discussing the latest updates from the OSB and CAIRP with a question period.
9:15am	Consumer Panel A: Hot Topics brought to you by OAIRP Enjoy this session as our speakers explore various consumer hot topics and the latest files everyone is talking about. Thank you to the Ontario Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals for developing the session. Speakers: Joanne Russo, CIRP, LIT, Russo Corp Sean Zeitz, Spetter Zeitz Klaiman Corporate Panel B: Sale Processes: Stakeholder Interests and Who Decides “What” Value Means? From SSENSE to other notable filings, we explore the debate over how sale processes are designed and supervised when secured lenders, founders, employees, and suppliers pull in different directions. This panel examines SISP design, stalking horse and credit bid dynamics, going-concern preservation, the court officer’s role, and other considerations on the balance of value maximization. Speakers: Rachel Nicholson, Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP Brad Newton, CIRP, Royal Bank of Canada Aryo Shalviri, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP Demetrios Yiokaris, Koskie Minsky LLP Moderator: Eric Golden, Blaney McMurtry LLP
10:15am	Networking Break Sponsored by TruPoint Technology Services Ltd.
10:45am	Consumer Panel C: Repeat Bankrupts and Serial Filers: What has Changed in the Court’s Approach? Repeat filings continue to rise as households struggle with cost-of-living pressures. This session will look at discharge analysis in contested discharges, use of s173(1) factors, considerations when granting discharges, and lastly, how trustees should advise the bankrupt and prepare for judicial expectations. Speakers: Justice Stanley Kershman, Ontario Superior Court of Justice Associate Justice Sam Rappos, Ontario Superior Court of Justice Moderator: Barbara Visentin, CIRP, LIT, Hoyes, Michalos & Associates Inc. Corporate Panel D: Judicial Panel Join us for an interactive and informative discussion with our panel of judges as they provide their perspective and insight on a wide array of insolvency and restructuring issues and the overall state of insolvency jurisprudence. Speakers: Justice Jane Dietrich, Ontario Superior Court of Justice Justice Shelley Fitzpatrick, Supreme Court of British Columbia Justice Jessica Kimmel, Ontario Superior Court of Justice Justice J. Ross Macfarlane, Ontario Superior Court of Justice Moderators: Brad Newton, CIRP, Royal Bank of Canada and Jodi Porepa, CIRP, LIT, FTI Consulting Canada Inc.



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11:45am	Consumer Panel E: Ultimate Insolvency Challenge Get ready for a fast-paced, interactive session that puts your insolvency knowledge to the test. In this game show-style format, attendees will form teams and tackle a variety of questions spanning legislation, insolvency fundamentals, and real-world practice scenarios. This session will challenge participants to think on their feet and collaborate under pressure—all while enjoying some friendly competition. Prizes kindly provided by OAIRP.
	Corporate Panel F: How Many Professionals Does it Take to Work a File Correctly? When is it appropriate to have multiple Court officers? Under what insolvency regime(s)? Can you have too many professionals? Come explore these and other questions with our panelists. Speakers: Stuart Brotman, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP Valerie Cross, Dentons Canada LLP Jonathon Krieger, CIRP, LIT, Doane Grant Thornton LLP Jeffrey Rosenberg, CIRP, LIT, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. Mitch Vininsky, CIRP, LIT, AlixPartners
12:30pm	Networking Lunch Sponsored by FCT Trustee Solutions
1:30pm	Economic Update Olivier Gervais is Director, Modelling and Forecasting at Scotiabank. Prior to joining Scotiabank, Olivier spent 17 years at the Bank of Canada, where he progressed through increasingly senior positions and was ultimately appointed Director of the Canadian Economic Projection. His expertise spans macroeconomic modelling, economic forecasting, and applied time-series econometrics.
2:30pm	Consumer Panel G: Surplus Income Surplus income can be straightforward—until it isn't. This session, presented in collaboration with the OSB, uses real-world case scenarios to explore calculation challenges, compliance issues, and practical strategies for trustees. Speakers: Caryl Newbery-Mitchell, CIRP, LIT, MNP Ltd. Christian Perreault, Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Moderator: Jordan Rumanek, CIRP, LIT, Rumanek & Company Ltd.
	Corporate Panel H: The Death of the Anchor: Repurposing Retail Real Estate in a Post-Department Store Era As traditional anchor tenants continue to disappear, retail real estate is undergoing a fundamental shift. This session explores the downstream impact of anchor store closures, including co-tenancy pressures, valuation challenges, and the rising costs of redevelopment. Panelists will examine how landlords, lenders, and insolvency professionals are responding, with a particular focus on repositioning distressed assets and the transition from retail to mixed-use developments. Through a practical lens, the discussion will highlight key considerations and emerging strategies in navigating this evolving landscape. Speakers: David Bish, Torys LLP Antony Karabus, Karabus Retail Advisory Robert Kizell, Royal Bank of Canada Moderator: Greg Karpel, CIRP, LIT, Alvarez & Marsal
3:30pm	Networking Break Sponsored by OAIRP



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3:45pm	Consumer Panel I: Debtors & Real Estate: Practical Advice This session provides a practical refresher on the process of surrendering property and the trustee's core responsibilities in managing various issues that can arise with properties during these tumultuous times. Panelists will walk through key procedural steps, decision-making considerations, and risk management strategies when dealing with property issues. Speakers: Ilan Kibel, CIRP, LIT, BDO Canada Limited Michael Liddiard, Liddiard Law Moderator: Jeffrey Lewis, CIRP, LIT, Bromwich & Smith Corporate Panel J: Diverse Topics in Corporate Restructuring brought to you by IWIRC Join us for an engaging session as our speakers examine a broad range of timely issues in corporate restructuring, from emerging industry trends to the practical challenges shaping today's insolvency landscape. Thank you to the International Women's Insolvency Restructuring Confederation, Ontario Network for developing the session. Speakers: Emily Klein, CIRP, LIT, GlassRatner Karla McCarthy, BMO Gina Rhodes, Miller Thomson LLP Moderator: Sanee Tanvir, McCarthy Tetrault LLP
4:30pm	Mid-market Squeeze: When Consumer Problems Become Corporate Problems (and vice versa) This session will examine how consumer and corporate insolvency files increasingly overlap, particularly in owner-managed and mid-market situations. Our speakers will focus on practical signs, missed opportunities, and how practitioners on both sides can better collaborate to achieve improved outcomes for debtors and creditors. Speakers: Michael Comrie, CIRP, LIT, BDO Canada Limited Jane Woo, CIRP, LIT, Farber
5:00pm	Closing Remarks and Appreciation

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