



# MENTAL HEALTH COURT:

## *Essentials for Lawyers and Treatment Providers*

Join an experienced, multi-disciplinary faculty as they examine current issues in the Mental Health Court from both a legal and treatment perspective.

If you appear either as Counsel or as a mental health worker in the Mental Health Court, this program is essential. In one intensive day, an expert multi-disciplinary faculty with significant mental health court experience will discuss:

- Fundamentals of criminal justice and mental health treatment collaboration in mental health courts
- Legal and treatment issues impacting mental health fitness hearings and assessment hearings
- Ethical issues arising from multidisciplinary collaborations
- How criminal justice and treatment practitioners can optimize their effectiveness in mental health court

### Program Chair

The Hon. Justice Kofi Barnes  
Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)

### Date and Time

Friday, April 24, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. EDT  
In Person or Webcast

Online Replay: May 27, 2020

### Location

Osgoode Professional  
Development  
1 Dundas St. West, 26th Floor  
Toronto, ON

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# Mental Health Court: *Essentials for Lawyers and Treatment Providers*

Over one intensive day, you'll hear from all parties involved in the mental health court process and gain a comprehensive understanding of the **intersection between justice and treatment** and how this specialty court can provide positive results for all.

This new and practical program was specifically designed by those involved in mental health courts, for legal professionals and mental health workers (with or without mental health court experience). You will work through sample case scenarios and walk away with valuable tips and strategies you can immediately put to use.

In person space is limited – **register now!**

## Topics Include

- The theoretical and practical framework for legal and treatment collaborations in mental health court
- The rationale, objective and structure of different mental health courts including pre-charge diversion, post-charge diversion, fitness hearings, etc.
- Working in a multi-disciplinary team (relationship between criminal justice practitioners, law enforcement, social work practitioners and mental health treatment providers)
- How to establish a mental health court
- Creating and implementing eligibility criteria
- Best practices in tackling operational issues and in accessing community resources

## Who Should Attend

- Crown attorneys
- Defence counsel
- Duty counsel
- Mental health court workers
- Health care and social services professionals
- Judges
- Other Professionals involved in the Mental Health Court process

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## Agenda

**8:30 a.m.**

**Registration**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Chair's Welcome and Introduction**

**The Hon. Justice Kofi Barnes**

Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)

**9:15 a.m.**

**Understanding the Fundamentals of  
Mental Health Court**

**The Hon. Justice Richard D. Schneider**

Chair, Ontario Review Board; Justice, Ontario Court of Justice

In this opening session, you'll hear about the rule of therapeutic jurisprudence and mental health as well as the key components and principles of the mental health court.

Topics will include:

- Theoretical and practical frameworks for legal and treatment collaborations in mental health court
- Legal and treatment issues impacting mental health fitness hearings and assessment hearings
- How criminal justice and treatment practitioners can optimize their effectiveness in mental health court

**10:30 a.m.**

**Refreshment Break**

**10:45 a.m.**

**Today's Mental Health Court  
Roundtable: Hearing From All  
Perspectives**

**Moderator:**

**The Hon. Justice Kofi Barnes**

Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)

## Panelists:

### Daniel Brandes

Assistant Crown Attorney, Mental Health Court, Old City Hall Courthouse, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario)

### Kym Briggs

Justice Services Case Manager, Canadian Mental Health Association (Elgin Branch)

### Christine A. Lund

Criminal Defence Counsel

### Dr. Kiran Patel

Staff Psychiatrist & Assistant Professor, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

### The Hon. Justice Richard D. Schneider

Chair, Ontario Review Board; Justice, Ontario Court of Justice

In this interactive panel discussion, you'll hear from both legal and treatment providers from different mental health courts on various issues faced by mental health court professionals. Areas to be covered will include:

- The rationale, objective and structure of different mental health courts including pre-charge diversion, post-charge diversion, fitness hearings, etc.
- Ethical issues arising from multi-disciplinary collaborations
- Tips for working in a multi-disciplinary team (the relationship between criminal justice practitioners, law enforcement, social work practitioners and mental health workers)

**12:45 p.m.**

**Luncheon**

**1:30 p.m.**

## Best Practices in Mental Health Court

### Moderator:

### The Hon. Justice Kofi Barnes

Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)

### Panelists:

### Kelly Eberhard

Assistant Crown Attorney, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario)

### Chikeziri Igwe

Assistant Crown Attorney, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario)

### Christine A. Lund

Criminal Defence Counsel

### Shelly Schneider

Manager, Mental Health & Justice Services and SystemWise, Canadian Mental Health Association (Peel Dufferin)

### Rhona Zitney

Fred Victor Mental Health Court Support Services (Old City Hall)

Following up on the previous panel discussion, this session will explore various case scenarios that touch on different types of skills issues that commonly arise in mental health court (and how to overcome them).

Topics will include:

- Creating and implementing eligibility criteria
- Treatment plans and community support programs and strategies (issues and best practices)
- Best practices in tackling operational issues (for example, how to deal with the accused/client who refuses to attend court from jail)
- Tips on how to access community resources
- How to establish a mental health court

**NOTE:** A 15-minute break will be taken during this session.

**3:45 p.m.**

## Wrap-up and Chair's Concluding Remarks

### The Hon. Justice Kofi Barnes

Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)

This final session will provide you with the key components of a mental health court evaluation while also demonstrating how evaluation outcomes can help optimize successful outcomes in mental health court.

**4:15 p.m.**

**Program Concludes**

This new program follows *OsgoodePD's* highly successful *Drug Treatment Court: Essentials for Lawyers and Treatment Providers* program. Here's what participants said:

*"Good speakers, thoroughly covered issues from all viewpoints, very helpful with take-away practical information."*

Erin McGoey  
Criminal Duty Counsel,  
Legal Aid Ontario

*"Great information based on personal experiences."*

Tony Gordinho  
LOFT Community Services

*"Overall, I found the day to be really interesting and informative."*

Tracy Landry  
Probation Officer

*"The program was very practical and provided a lot of information to consider for Drug Treatment Court and Mental Health Court in my jurisdiction."*

Andreas von Cramon  
Supervisory Duty Counsel,  
Legal Aid Ontario

# Chair

**The Hon. Justice Kofi Barnes**  
Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)

Justice Kofi Barnes is a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. He is a former judge of the Ontario Court of Justice. Justice Barnes was admitted to the Ontario Bar in 1993. Prior to his judicial career, he was a Deputy Director of the Federal Prosecution Service, Ontario Region (Public Prosecution Service of Canada).

Justice Barnes is known as a pioneer and innovator in therapeutic jurisprudence and a champion of social justice. Justice Barnes came to Canada from Ghana and attended Trent University and then Osgoode Hall Law School at York University.

Justice Barnes is the founder of the Metro West Youth Community Restoration Court; the Durham Mental Health and Drug Treatment Court and co-founder of Canada's first Drug Treatment Court.

Justice Barnes is the founding president of the not-for-profit organization Canadian Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals and president of the International Association of Drug Treatment Courts. In addition to his regular judicial duties, Justice Barnes has provided training sessions, in Canada and internationally, on solution focused strategies and innovative approaches to justice. He is a co-author of *People Places and Things – Inspirational Voices from Canada's Drug Treatment Courts* – published by Friesen Press.

Barnes is the recipient of many awards including the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Commemorative medal, Trent University Distinguished Alumni Award, the Bryden Awards and the African-Canadian Achievement Awards for Excellence in Law.

## Faculty Includes

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## Registration Details

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