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2026 PROGRAM



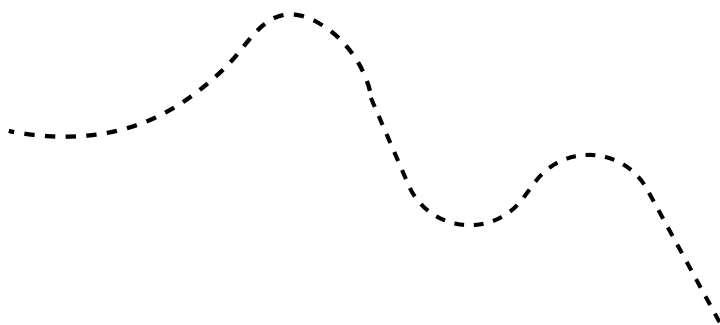
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we talk to NCA lawyers, industry experts, and
leaders in the community about networking, how
to build your career, and so much more!



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NCA Network's **Career & Networking Summit** debuted in 2024 to outstanding success, bringing together ITLs, students, and industry professionals for a day of learning and connection. Building on that momentum, our 2025 Summit surpassed expectations with even more speakers, mentors, and networking opportunities.

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AM SCHEDULE

8:30 AM: Registration Opens

9:00 AM: Opening Remarks

9:30 AM: Panel Discussion

From Law School to Firm: What Employers are Looking For



Ryan Baker
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Michael Tam
*Osgoode Hall Law School
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Moderated by:
Kim Gale
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10:15 AM: Special address



Deborah Wolfe
*Executive Director of the
National Committee on
Accreditation (NCA)*

10:45 AM: Mentoring Roundtables

12:00 PM: Networking Lunch

1:00 PM: Keynote Speaker
**Building A Legal Career
On Your Own Terms**



Erin Cowling

*Author, 'The Modern
Freelance Lawyer', Founder
Flex Legal Network.*

1:30 PM: Panel Discussion
**Navigating the Path to Practice:
Licensing, Experience and
Financial Support**



Andre Bacchus

*Law Practice Program
(LPP) at TMU*



Assia Hamdane

Windmill Microlending



Moderated by:

Elena Kozachek,

Marciano Beckenstein LLP

2:15 PM: Mentoring Roundtables

4:00 PM: Networking Reception

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