

The Innovation Forum: Thinking Beyond Today

AGENDA

1:10 – 2:10 P.M.

Keynote Presentation

The Innovation Imperative: Leading in a New Era of Change

At its core, innovation is about seizing opportunity – which is rarely granted and must be earned. Michael Hyatt is a successful entrepreneur who will talk about the new rules for realizing opportunity and implementing change. He will illustrate how the real opportunity for all of us lies in the “The Golden Era” ahead: our hyper-connected world is breaking every conventional business model where disruption is the “soupe du jour”. Computing power is still growing exponentially but for the first time artificial intelligence (AI), robotics and automation will gain traction, leaving no industry immune to change.

Speaker: Michael Hyatt – Entrepreneur

BREAK: Refreshments & Showcase 2:10 – 2:30 P.M.

2:30 – 2:45 P.M.

Live Demonstration

Live demonstration of Blue J Legal, which uses advances in AI and extensive training by computer scientists and law professors at the University of Toronto.

Speaker: Ben Alarie – Chief Executive Officer | Blue J Legal

2:45 – 3:45 P.M.

Panel 1 - Drivers of Change: Innovation in Practice

A review of the latest developments from various industries, with speakers from incubators and innovation hubs/initiatives.

Moderator: Cheryl Satin – Partner | Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Panellists: Jim Orlando – Managing Director | OMERS Ventures
Aron Solomon – Innovation Lead | LegalX
Dan Sinai – Senior Executive, Innovation | IBM Canada
Dean Tseretopoulos – AVP, Utility Capabilities, Digital Channels | TD Bank Group
Rebecca Yu – Head of JLABS @ Toronto

BREAK: Refreshments & Showcase 3:45 – 4 P.M.

4 – 5 P.M.

Panel 2 - Supporting Emerging Innovation and Technologies: Impacts and Considerations

Experts discuss how companies are taking the lead in business innovation while navigating the legal and regulatory issues. The panel will address the challenges that need to be overcome from a regulatory, demographic, psychological and educational perspective.

Moderator: Christine Ing – Partner | Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Panellists: Jack Ott – Senior Vice President, Innovation Partnerships | Intact Financial Corporation
Jacqueline Shinfield – Partner | Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP
Jon Worren – Sr. Director, Entrepreneurship Programs & Entrepreneur in Residence | MaRS
Peggy Van de Plassche – VP Innovation Engagement | CIBC
Robert Watson – President and CEO | Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC)

5 – 5:30 P.M.

Design Thinking

In this talk, Sarah shares her ultimate *credo* and how it can change your business: creativity as a skill set and entrepreneurship as a philosophy. Innovation can be taught, she says, as long as you embrace the mentality and deftness of the entrepreneur.

Speaker: Sarah Prevette – Entrepreneur