



Improv your CPD!



Think on the Spot! *Improv* *Skills for Lawyers!*

New in 2015! Limited enrolment
Register early to avoid disappointment

Live in-person only
February 26, 2015

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

U of T Chestnut Conference Centre
89 Chestnut Street
Toronto, Ontario

3 CPD hours!

About the Program

The ability to improvise - in any setting - can often mean the difference between success and failure for a lawyer. Think on the Spot! is a fun, interactive seminar that applies the “Eight Rules of Improvisation” – the same skills actors and comics use on stage – to the communication challenges lawyers face every day. Lawyer and improvisation performer Toni Halleen will use proven improv skills to help participants discover and hone their own thinking and communication habits, and strengths. Learn how to listen, respond to the unexpected, collaborate, generate new ideas, build trust and agreement, and speak with confidence when you’re under pressure. The worlds of improv performers and lawyers are more similar than many people think. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to learn while you laugh and enhance multiple skills critical to the practice of law.

Topics Include

Using the principles of improv, you’ll explore the tools that enhance effectiveness for lawyers, including:

- Listening and concentration
- Changing gears on the spot
- Trusting one’s instincts and experiences
- Holding multiple concepts in mind
- Expressing ideas and adding to others’ ideas
- Being effective under pressure
- Gaining trust and confidence
- Remaining open to ideas and challenge

What to Expect

This seminar is designed to build your confidence by teaching you to think outside the box, approach scenarios from many angles, and react evenly when something unexpected happens. After an introduction to the basic eight principles, you’ll get up on your feet with other participants, and using exercises, techniques and games of the improv performer, you’ll practice responding to the unexpected. Along the way, you’ll laugh and have fun. At each stage, Toni will lead the group in a discussion of the exercises and the application of verbal and non-verbal learning to daily professional life. A key component of the workshop will be the connection between the exercises, the skills being developed, and the daily work of lawyers.

Here's what past attendees said about Toni Halleen and *Think on the Spot!*:

- "Wonderful course. The time passed quickly. Very informative. The exercises were excellent. Toni gave great feedback."
- "Toni is a natural coach. I learned to be more confident with my extemporaneous speaking, and I really liked the interactivity."
- "Wonderful presentation and opportunity to gain strategies for use every day."
- "It was fun and there were several take away points that I will use in my work. Toni made people comfortable stretching themselves."
- "Excellent! Difficult and challenging but FUN! The course challenged me to do something that I am normally not comfortable with in a constructive and useful manner"
- "Every lawyer should attend this class at least once!"
- "Easily the most engaging seminar I've ever attended."



About Toni Halleen

Toni is the Chief Operating Officer for Schaefer Halleen, LLC in Minneapolis. Prior to taking her role at Schaefer Halleen in 2012, Toni practiced employment law for many years with The General Counsel, Ltd. (the "GCL"), a law firm which provides outsourced, in-house counsel services to business clients. An improvisation performer, Toni has combined her talents into a fresh, fun approach to professional development. Her "Think on The Spot!" seminars are presented across the United States, and are designed to build listening, thinking, communication, team-building, and presentation skills for lawyers. Her play "Soulless, Bloodsucking Lawyers: A Musical!" was the best-selling show and voted Best Musical at the Minnesota Fringe Festival for 2003. From 1997 to 2002, Toni was the director of employment law for ADC Telecommunications, a multi-national corporation headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Before that, she practiced employment law with Briggs and Morgan in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She received her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School, and her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College.

CPD Credit Hours: This program is eligible for up to 3.0 Substantive hours.

√ **Yes! Please register me for Think on the Spot!**

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