



*Do you know how  
impaired driving  
laws have changed?*



# Bill C-46: Canada's New Impaired Driving Laws Explained

*Ian Savage & Dylan Finlay*

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

**Live webinar with chat**

***includes 60 day replay\****

9:00 am – 10:30 am (Pacific)

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This seminar is designed to educate lawyers at all skill levels, from those handling their first traffic stop to the experienced criminal practitioner.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Bill C-46, known as the *Impaired Driving Act*, came into force on December 18, 2018. The Act is the companion legislation to Bill C-45, *The Cannabis Act*, which legalized possession of marijuana for personal use in Canada. The *Impaired Driving Act* makes significant and controversial changes to federal alcohol and drug impaired laws, including permitting roadside screening of suspected drug impaired drivers, introducing new drug related driving offences, and allowing for mandatory alcohol breathalyzer testing. Expanded police powers and other changes under the amendments are renewing concerns about racial profiling and carding, and how to reliably detect current impairment at the roadside, as well as raising important new issues about *Charter* rights, the efficacy and reliability of Approved Screening Devices, and the impact of Bill C-46 on non-citizens. Almost overnight, how lawyers prosecute and defend those charged with impaired driving offences, has changed. Is a client you are presently representing at risk? Can you take what appears to be a favourable plea bargain or will recent changes have dramatic consequences for your client? As government and law enforcement continue to crack down on impaired drivers, these cases will become more common and more complicated. Join defence lawyers Ian Savage (Alberta and Saskatchewan) and Dylan Finlay (Ontario) for this convenient, 90 minute primer on what recent reforms to Canada's impaired driving laws mean for you and your clients. Whether you are new to or just curious about the topic, or in need of a quick update, this is one program you cannot afford to miss.

## SCHEDULE (Eastern)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**What's New?**

- **New offences**
- **Increased minimum sentences**
- **Random roadside breath testing**
- **Roadside saliva testing and Approved Screening Devices**

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## MEET YOUR PRESENTERS



**IAN SAVAGE** is a senior criminal defence lawyer at Savage Oykman Law (Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, and Victoria). He has practiced criminal law exclusively for the last 27 years and appeared at all levels of Court in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and at the Supreme Court of Canada. In the last 20 years he has focused his

practice on impaired driving law, effectively defending more than 3,000 impaired driving cases. Ian is a past Chair of the Criminal Law Section (South) of the Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Branch, and has presented on impaired driving and other criminal law topics for the Law Society of Alberta Bar Admission course, the University of Calgary Law School, the Legal Education Society of Alberta, and other organizations. He has also assisted the new recruit classes of the Calgary Police Service in preparing for impaired driving and other criminal cases. Ian is frequently consulted by other criminal defence lawyers concerning impaired driving issues, and is regularly called upon by print, radio, and TV media to comment on headlines and issues relating to impaired driving and other criminal law topics. He has been the President of the Calgary Criminal Defence Lawyer's Association since 2013.

**DYLAN FINLAY** is a criminal defence lawyer with Oykman Criminal Defence with offices in Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, and Victoria. Dylan practices in the Greater Toronto Area and defends individuals charged with impaired driving, refusing to provide a breath sample, assault, assault with a weapon, theft, and other offences. He is a former Student Legal Assistance Trial Coordinator at the University of Calgary Faculty of Law. Dylan frequently writes on the legalization of marijuana and impaired driving laws, including for ABlawg (The University of Calgary Faculty of Law Blog), the *Lawyer's Daily*, and *For the Defence*, the Criminal Lawyers' Association Newsletter.



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