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for non-criminal  
law specialists!*



# Impaired Driving Basics: Evaluating the Case Against Your Client

*with John Hale*

**Thursday, March 17, 2022**  
**Live webinar with chat**  
*includes 60 day replay\**

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is designed to equip non-criminal law specialists with the practical knowledge necessary to effectively evaluate an impaired driving case against a client, so the client can make an informed decision about whether to try to resolve the case before trial.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A conviction for impaired driving can have major life consequences - jobs, driver's licenses, travel, child custody all hang in the balance of the outcome. Lawyers who understand the basics of impaired driving offences and defences will be better equipped to assess the strengths and weaknesses of a case against a client, and help the client make an informed decision about whether to try and resolve the case before trial. In this introductory level primer, experienced Ottawa criminal defence counsel John Hale will provide practical guidance on what impaired driving means, what to ask for in disclosure, how to evaluate the Crown's case, opportunities and strategies to challenge aspects of the case against your client, and approaches to resolve charges before trial. Topics include offences and exceptions, penalties, *Charter* challenges, defences, and plea negotiations. Don't miss this chance to get answers to all the questions you've always wanted to ask about how to understand and evaluate an impaired driving case in its earliest stages. This program does not include motions or trial tactics. Later programs in this series will address the trial of impaired driving cases.

## SCHEDULE (Eastern)

**12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**

### Welcome and Introduction

### Impaired Basics

- DUI offences and the differences between them
- Penalties, and license and other implications

### Obtaining Disclosure & Evaluating Your Case

- What to request in disclosure, how to get it, and what to look for
- Assessing the strengths and weaknesses of an impaired driving case

### Pre-trial Advocacy

- How to challenge aspects of the case against your client
- Strategies to get charges withdrawn, reduced or dismissed
- Plea negotiations and consequences

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## MEET YOUR PRESENTER



**John Hale** is a criminal defence lawyer, based in Ottawa. He has been practising criminal defence law (both trial and appellate advocacy) for over 30 years. A certified specialist in criminal law by the Law Society of Ontario, John's practice includes every criminal offence imaginable - from the routine (thefts, frauds, impaired driving/DUI, youth matters, drug charges, sexual assaults) to the less commonplace (murder, forcing a snake into a toilet, attempted assassination of the Prime Minister). He also appears before the Ontario Review Board in mental health matters. John has conducted over 1000 trials, including 50 plus jury trials. He has argued more than 50 appeals in the Ontario Court of Appeal and a handful of cases in the Supreme Court of Canada, including *R. v. Jordan/R. v. Williamson*. John has taught law for more than 24 years, including courses in Evidence in the Faculty of Common Law at University of Ottawa, and courses in Criminal Law, Youth and Criminal Justice, and Medical Issues in Criminal Law in Carleton University's Department of Law. In 2018 John became a member of the Bar of the Northwest Territories, where he regularly conducts trials and appeals, and attends the circuit courts. John is a current Vice President of the Criminal Lawyers' Association.



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