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YCAP/ICC YAAF at CanArb Week

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saint-James Club

1145 Union Ave, Montreal, Quebec H3B 3C2,
(in person only)

Persuasion on Paper: Crafting Effective Witness Statements and Skeleton Arguments

Panelists will debate best practices in preparing witness statements and skeleton arguments—what to include, what to leave out, and how to balance thoroughness with strategic clarity. Some may champion a minimalist, high-level approach, while others may advocate for detailed, comprehensive submissions. Attendees will come away with practical insights, examples of persuasive techniques, and a deeper understanding of how written advocacy can shape the outcome in arbitration.

Moderated by **Dayeon Min**, BLG (Montréal)

and featuring

Vasuda Sinda, McCarthy Tétrault (Toronto)

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About YCAP

YCAP was launched by a group of young Canadian arbitration practitioners in 2004. The mission of YCAP is as follows:

- to promote interest in and understanding of international arbitration, particularly in Canada, among young lawyers working in private practice and with corporations and government, as well as among other interested young professionals;
- to provide professional development opportunities and a forum for the exchange of ideas for young lawyers and other young professionals with an interest in international arbitration; and
- to provide professional networking opportunities for young lawyers and other young professionals with an interest in international arbitration.

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About ICC YAAF

At ICC, we believe that through training and mentorship, we can shape the next generation of leading international arbitration and ADR experts. Through the ICC Young Arbitration and ADR Forum (YAAF) network, we are able to better inform, connect and inspire young professionals with interests in dispute resolution and dispute avoidance.

Throughout the world, ICC YAAF organises a number of educational and social events that allow young professionals to discover best practices, discuss topical issues, network and create meaningful connections with experienced practitioners. [Learn more about ICC YAAF](#) | [Join the network](#)

Registration for the YCAP/ICC YAAF event at CanArb Week

The event is free to all YCAP Members and ICC YAAF Members. Please use this [link](#) to register. Attendees are also welcome to stay for the closing reception.

Question or Further Information

If you have any questions or require any further information regarding the YCAP/ICC YAAF CanArb Week event, please email Ekin Cinar at ekin.cinar@dentons.com adding “YCAP/ICC YAAF CanArb Week Registration” in the subject line.

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