Trial or Arbitration: The Essentials from Evidence to Appeals

Family Law

Date: Friday, November 7, 2014 | 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Twenty Toronto Street Conferences and Events
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto
Program Chairs: Gary Joseph, McDonald & Partners LLP
Avra Rosen, The Law Offices of Avra Rosen

Should you proceed to trial or arbitration? Unravel all the pertinent factors to consider as you guide your client to the best process for his/her case. From mastering key evidence intricacies to exploring the nuances of your appeal routes, you will gain the expertise you need to excel in both dispute resolution settings by participating in this program.

1:30 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:35 pm Trial versus Arbitration: How to Decide Which Process is Best
Stephen Grant, Grant & Sadvari
Harold Niman, Niman Gelgoot and Associates LLP
Hear from seasoned family law practitioners, as they face-off on the familiar question "Should you proceed to trial or arbitration?" Beyond the basics factors of cost and time, our experts will share years of honed experience on:
- Strategic considerations in selecting your process
- How to balance personality, family dynamics and client buy-in
- Anticipating compliance and enforcement challenges
- Common misconceptions about process selection

2:20 pm Navigating Your Appeal Routes
The Honourable Mr. Justice David Aston, Superior Court of Justice
Gary Joseph, McDonald & Partners LLP
- Charting your action plan to succeed on appeal: Clarifying options and limitations from a trial judgment or arbitral award
- How to draft a winning motion for leave to appeal
- View from the Bench: The judicial perspective on strategies for an effective leave motion
- Opportunities to increase your likelihood of success
- How to make an impression: Advice for effective advocacy

3:15 pm Networking Break

3:30 pm Your Essential Evidence Primer
The Honourable Madam Justice Eva Frank, Superior Court of Justice
The Honourable Lee K. Ferrier, Q.C., Amicus Chambers
Avra Rosen, The Law Offices of Avra Rosen
- Five critical rules of evidence to have in your back pocket
- Best practices for managing evidence at trials and arbitrations
- Persistent evidence missteps to avoid
- How to introduce evidence without incurring your arbitrator or judge

4:10 pm Common Professionalism Pitfalls for Lawyers in Trials and Arbitrations
Yvonne Bernstein, Litigation Director and Counsel, LawPRO
Engage with your fellow practitioners and our expert faculty as you:
- Explore the particular hazards in each proceeding: Similarities and differences in LawPRO trends
- Build best practices for avoiding complaints and managing tricky situations

4:45 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

5:00 pm Program Concludes