

Forge a Better Union: Civil Litigation Counsel and the In-House Lawyers Who Instruct Them

Civil Litigation/CCCA – Ontario Chapter



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Monday, October 31, 2016 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Twenty Toronto Street Conferences and Events
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chairs: **Brendan Clancy**, DLA Piper (Canada) LLP
John Polyzogopoulos, Blaney McMurtry LLP



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The relationship between in-house counsel and their external litigation counsel can at times be strained. This is especially true when in-house counsel must do more with less, and litigation in the electronic age becomes ever more complex. It is clear that a new paradigm for this relationship is needed. One in which processes are developed to streamline the time and expense of litigation, risk is managed, and both in-house and external litigation lawyers learn to work together as an integrated team. Join us to hear both in-house and external litigation lawyers share their insights and experience, providing perspectives on how the relationship can and must adapt to litigation in the current climate.

Register now and join your colleagues to explore this evolving area of law with this comprehensive and enlightening program!

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks from Co-Chairs

9:05 am **Improve the Client Experience**

Abbasali (Ali) Kermalli, Loopstra Nixon LLP

- Draw upon in-house counsel's knowledge and experience
- Understand the client's business and budget goals
- Reduce litigation spending
- Manage the client's expectations

9:35 am **What is the Best Option: Alternative Fee Arrangements**

Allison Speigel, Speigel Nichols Fox LLP

Elsie Plytas, TD Bank Group

- Explore the pros and cons of the billable hour
- Understand value-based billing and the various alternatives to the hourly rate
- Discuss the best billing method to promote efficiency and align the interests of clients and lawyers

10:20 am Networking Break

10:35 am **How to Save Time and Money with Litigation Project Management**

Rick Kathuria, Director, PMO and Legal Logistics of Gowling WLG

Mark Hines, Gowling WLG

- Discuss key project management principles and tools
- Control the cost of litigation through effective project management
- Discuss the roles and responsibilities when managing legal projects

11:20 am **Protecting Privilege**

Gavin MacKenzie, MacKenzie Barristers

Discuss the nuances and similarities of privilege as it relates to communications between in-house counsel and their organizations, and in-house counsel and their external counsel.

11:50 am Networking Break

12:10 pm **Effective In-House Counsel/External Litigation Teamwork**

Marlo Kravetsky, TD Bank Group / **David Hausman**, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

Luisa Ritacca, Stockwoods LLP / **Diana Iannetta**, IIROC

Learn how in-house and external teams can work together effectively and productively from those teams that have been successful.

12:55 pm Closing Remarks

1:00 pm Program Concludes

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