

Professionalism for Municipal & Planning Lawyers

Municipal Law



In Person



Webcast

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chairs: **Mandy Ng**, Loopstra Nixon LLP
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This program contains:
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This program is a can't-miss opportunity for municipal and planning lawyers to top up their professionalism hours for 2023! Join your colleagues at this annual program to gain strategies for managing professionalism related issues within your practice. Hear insights from our expert speakers, including best practices when appearing before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), avoiding, and managing conflicts of interests, communicating and taking of instructions with respect to a municipal law client and retainer agreements. Our panel of experts will help provide the practice strategies you need for a successful start to 2024.

9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to reduce the risk of misunderstanding with your client. Critical insights into managing client expectations.
9:05 am	Practice Management and Ethics in Hearings Vice-Chair Sharyn Vincent , Ontario Land Tribunal Aynsley Hovius , City of London Chris Barnett , Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are your duties related to appearing before the tribunal? 	10:30 am	Health Break	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective approaches to issues that frequently arise when practising before the OLT. Best practices for communicating with witnesses. 	10:40 am		Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Municipal Law Jayashree Goswami , Peel Region Arti Sanichara , Loopstra Nixon LLP Naveen Mehta , CulturWorks
9:35 am	Avoiding and Managing Conflicts of Interest Ray Leclair , LAWPRO			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential update on the best practices for workplace diversity and inclusion. Strategies for preventing harassment in the online office. How to foster a respectful culture and deepen your understanding of the impact of discrimination.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who is your client and how do you determine that? Expertise on the bright line rule and how to effectively represent and fulfill your duty to the client. 			
10:05	Best Practices for Municipal Clients in Strong Mayor Municipalities David J. Potts , City of Peterborough Douglas Carr , Town of Oakville			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are strong mayor powers and how are they being exercised? 	11:55 am	Closing Remarks	
		12:00 pm	Program Concludes	

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