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Top Litigator Series: Damages Essentials for Property Losses in Product Liability Cases

Insurance Law

Webcast

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023| 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Webinar Only

Agenda: 9:00 am Program Commences
12:00 pm Program Concludes

This program contains:
3hr 00m of **Substantive Content**

Product liability litigation is complex and assessing damages requires the right knowledge and skills. Defining, assessing, and challenging damages arising from a loss requires litigators to understand the fundamentals of insurance law as it pertains to property loss cases. This comprehensive OBA Top Litigator Series program will provide you with an introduction to the process of adjusting property losses, an understanding of the essentials when assessing property loss damages, an explanation of variations in jurisdictions, and key strategic considerations when litigating property loss and product liability claims. This is an essential must-attend program for all practicing and working in the area of property loss and product liability litigation.

Program Chair(s): **Katherine Di Tomaso,** Stieber Berlach LLP (Toronto)
Jacqueline Armstrong Gates, Gowling WLG (Waterloo)
Amber Bonnell, Gowling WLG (Waterloo)

Speakers: **Suzie Lanthier**, Gowling WLG (Montréal)
Sean Van Leeuwen, Intact Insurance Company
Katelynn Everett, M.Sc., P.Eng., Point of Origin Consultants
John Valeriote, Crawford and Company

9:00 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Katherine Di Tomaso, Stieber Berlach LLP (Toronto)

9:10 am **Adjusting of the Property Loss**
Jacqueline Armstrong Gates, Gowling WLG (Waterloo)
Amber Bonnell, Gowling WLG (Waterloo)
John Valeriote, Crawford and Company
- How a property loss is adjusted
- Insurance policy considerations
- Investigation of the loss
- Property loss insurance adjusting process
- Appraisal process

9:50 am **Property Loss Damages Essentials**
Sean Van Leeuwen, Intact Insurance Company
- Key actors and their roles
- Key productions – what to look for
- How to assess damages
- Priorities of payouts
- Subrogation – breakdown of insurer and insured and legal responsibilities
- Depreciation considerations

10:50 am **Health Break**

11:00 am **Jurisdictional Differences in Property Loss Cases in Quebec**
Suzie Lanthier, Gowling WLG (Montreal)
- Quebec insurance law
- Adjusters and litigation privilege
- Experts and joint reports

11:30 am **Panel Discussion on Key Issues in Damages in Property Loss Cases with Expert, Adjuster, Subrogation Counsel and Defence Counsel**
Katelynn Everett, M.Sc., P.Eng., Point of Origin Consultants
John Valeriote, Crawford and Company
- Role explanation and how experts handle different aspects of the claim
- Personal injuries arising from product failure
- Questions and Answers

12:00 pm Program Concludes

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