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Ethical Requirements and Practical Tips for Litigating with Self-Represented Parties

Insurance Law

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 | 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Location: Webinar only

Agenda: 11:30 am Program Commences

1:30 pm Program Concludes





This program contains:

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Litigating with self-represented parties is becoming more common in civil litigation actions. This comprehensive program will provide you with fundamental information and strategies you need to assist a client engaged in a civil litigation action with a self-represented party. Hear from our experts on important rules, obligations, and strategies for litigating confidently in this context. The program will address practical tips for handling situations with self-represented parties as well as ethical considerations from the perspective of insurance law lawyers and the Bench.

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Program Chairs: Katherine Di Tomaso, Stieber Berlach LLP

Christopher Afonso, Stieber Berlach LLP

Speakers: The Honourable Justice Jamie Trimble, Superior Court of Justice

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11:30 am Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Program Introduction Katherine Di Tomaso, Stieber Berlach LLP

 $11{:}30~\mbox{am}$ Common issues that arise at court with Self-Represented Litigants

The Honourable Justice Jamie Trimble, Superior Court of Justice

Importance of Access to Justice in the Civil Context

- Contested settling of orders
- Settlement tips for resolving disputes with selfrepresented parties
- Handling extensions to self-represented parties

12:00 pm Foundation and Strategies for Litigating with Self-Represented Parties

Christopher Alfonso, Stieber Berlach LLP

- Relevant Rules of Professional Conduct
- Relevant Rules of Civil Procedure
- Strategies to implement

12:30 pm Obligations of Counsel

Talaal Bond, Matthews Abogado LLP (London)

- Key considerations for trial counsel and judges from the Ontario Court of Appeal
- Best practices and strategies

1:00 pm Professionalism when Litigating with Self-Represented Parties

Bronwyn Martin, Moodie Mair Walker LLP Professionalism tips for practitioners

Best practices and strategies

1:30 p.m. Program Concludes