

8th Annual Class Actions Colloquium

Class Actions



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Monday, December 5, 2016 | 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

(Reception to follow)

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

Program Chairs: **David Outerbridge**, Torys LLP

Margaret Waddell, Phillips Gill LLP



This program contains 2 Professionalism Hours

This program is eligible for up to 5.5 Substantive Hours

It's that time of the year again for the Annual Class Actions Colloquium! Once again, the OBA Class Actions Section has gathered an outstanding faculty of speakers who will highlight the most important developments in Class Actions from coast to coast, as well as provide critical insights and practical tips on how to stay at the top of your game in this highly specialized practice area.

It has been another big year in class actions, and this annual conference will provide you with the key information you need to know about class proceedings.

Join us to gain exclusive updates and analysis of the past year's top developments in class actions law from an expert faculty of judges and lawyers engaged in the most cutting-edge issues now being debated in courts across Canada.

Register today for this pivotal program!

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Hot Topics #1: Key Issues and Trends in Competition, Securities and Privacy Law**

Linda Visser, Siskinds LLP

Joel Rochon, Rochon Genova LLP

Katherine Kay, Stikeman Elliott LLP

Sandeep Joshi, BMO Financial Group

Benefit from the experiences of some of Canada's top class action litigators as they discuss the hottest issues in competition, securities, privacy class actions and more.

10:05 am **Update from the Law Commission of Ontario**

Aneurin (Nye) Thomas, Law Commission of Ontario

Find out about the status of the Law Commission of Ontario's review of the *Class Proceedings Act*, and its proposed data base.

10:20 am **Networking Break**

10:35 am **Cross Country Check Up, and Beyond**

Jean-Michel Boudreau, Irving Mitchell Kalichman
S.E.N.C.R.L./LLP

Daniel Boone, Q.C., Stewart McKelvey

Reidar M. Mogerman, Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman
LLP

John Brown, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Hear top counsel from across the country provide their take on the key cases decided in 2016 and why you should be aware of them.

11:35 am **The Future of Multi-Jurisdictional Class Actions in Canada**

The Honourable Paul Perell, Ontario Superior Court of
Justice

The Honourable Pierre-C. Gagnon, Superior Court of Quebec
Sylvie Rodrigue, Partner, Torys LLP, Chair, CBA Task Force on
National Class Actions

Members of the CBA Task Force on National Class Actions discuss the progress that is being made towards creating a rationalized national class proceedings framework.

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12:05 pm Lunch and Keynote Address

Introduction: Peter Mantas, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP
Phil Fontaine, OC, OM, President, Ishkonigan Consulting and Mediation, former National Chief AFN

Professor Kathleen Mahoney, Professor of Law at the University of Calgary

We are honoured to have Mr. Fontaine and Professor Mahoney provide insight on the Residential Schools class action and settlement as well as the Truth and Reconciliation process. A must-attend experience for all class action counsel.

1:00 pm Hot Topics #2: Key Issues and Trends in Product Liability, Employment, Consumer Protection

Nicole Henderson, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Louis Sokolov, Sotos LLP

Michael Peerless, McKenzie Lake Lawyers LLP

Benefit from the experiences of some of Canada's top class action litigators in product liability, employment and consumer protection class actions and more.

2:00 pm Plaintiffs Issues

Moderator: Margaret Waddell, Phillips Gill LLP

Kathryn Podrebarac, Podrebarac Barristers

Michael Robb, Siskinds LLP

Brendan Van Niejenhuis, Stockwoods LLP

Celeste Poltak, Koskie Minsky LLP

Hear from highly experienced litigators about the current issues and challenges arising in a plaintiff-side class action practice, and best practices for addressing them.

2:50 pm Networking Break

3:10 pm Defence Issues

Moderator: David Outerbridge, Torys LLP

Linda Fuerst, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP

John Fabello, Torys LLP

Sonia Bjorkquist, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

Michael Eizenga, Bennett Jones LLP

Hear from some top counsel about the latest issues arising in the defence of a class action, and strategies for limiting clients' risks and exposure.

4:00 pm View from the Bench – The Judges' Perspective

Moderator: David Outerbridge, Torys LLP

The Honourable Edward Belobaba, Superior Court of Justice

The Honourable Robert Stack, Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador

The Honourable Pierre-C. Gagnon, Superior Court of Quebec

The Honourable Robert Bauman, Court of Appeal of British Columbia

The panel you have all been waiting for! Hear what the judges have to say about civility, best practices before their courts, carriage motions, settlement approval, individual trials and other topics regarding class action procedure.

5:00 pm Closing Remarks and Program Concludes

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