

5th Annual Professionalism Issues for Business Lawyers

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 | 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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

Program Chairs: **Anita Anand**, Kimber Chair in Investor Protection and Corporate Governance
Kimberley Cunningham-Taylor, Nelligan O'Brien Payne LLP



Live

Webcast



Professionalism Hours: This program contains **3h 0m**
Substantive Hours: This program is eligible for up to **0h 30m**

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What are the most pressing professionalism issues facing corporate lawyers today? Join your colleagues as our expert panelists delve into emerging trends, key cases and developments and the resulting impacts that they are seeing in practice. You will hear our expert private practice and in-house speakers share their insights on a wide range of topics including what's new in the *Rules of Professional Conduct* and at the Law Society, a critical update on conflicts and an analysis of developments in the *Groia* case. Gain all of your Professionalism Hours for the year in a setting specifically suited to your role as a business lawyer.

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Program Chair

9:10 am **Important Changes to the Rules and Impacts on Your Practice**

Caterina Galati, Law Society of Upper Canada

Julia Holland, Torys LLP

Robert J. Richardson, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

- Highlighting recent changes to the *Rules of Professional Conduct* and why they are relevant to you
- Discussing changes that may be on the horizon and what they will mean for your practice
- Recent and upcoming developments at the Law Society

9:55 am **Effectively Managing a Modernized Patchwork of Business Legislation**

Arlene O'Neill, Gardiner Roberts LLP

Anita Anand, Kimber Chair in Investor Protection and Corporate Governance

Jeremy Fraiberg, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

As a lawyer, you are experienced at advising clients on a number of pieces of legislation that impact their business. But what do you do when a client is impacted by overlapping pieces of legislation that may even conflict on certain issues? With recent and upcoming changes to the OBCA, securities legislation, and to the CBCA, ensure you know how to advise your clients effectively while also ensuring you are meeting your professional obligations.

10:40 am **Networking Break**

10:50 am **Recent Developments Surrounding the Groia Case**

Dr. Trevor C.W. Farrow, Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School

Donald Bayne, Bayne Sellar Ertel Carter

The case of *Groia v. Law Society of Upper Canada*, now headed to the Supreme Court of Canada (scheduled to be heard November 6, 2017), continues to be monitored with interest for its implications for the limits of "zealous advocacy" and when it crosses the line in to incivility in the courtroom. But what are the broader implications with respect to the jurisdiction of law societies, and other issues relevant to the profession generally and to you as a business lawyer?

11:35 am **Critical Conflicts Case Update**

Geoff R. Hall, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

- A case law update on conflicts
- How have the courts and tribunals been handling conflicts issues in the four years since the Supreme Court of Canada decision in *CNR v. McKercher*?
- More practical tools for managing conflicts

12:20 pm **Closing Remarks**

12:30 pm **Program Concludes**

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