

Strategies and Tips for Maximizing Your Expert Evidence

Civil Litigation

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Expert evidence can be crucial to a successful outcome of a case. Learning how to work with an expert before and during a trial is a key skill. Join us as we explore when and how to instruct, communicate with, and direct experts throughout the course of a litigation file. We will discuss how to choose and retain the right expert, review their report, prepare the expert for trial, as well as maximize their use for other steps in the litigation process. Examine the common pitfalls to avoid when using an expert, and benefit from our bar and bench panel discussion on effective techniques for examination of an expert.

Register now for this comprehensive and insightful program.

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Securing the Best Expert**

Sana Halwani, Lenczner Slaght LLP

- Choosing the right expert
- Properly retaining and preparing the expert
- Strategies for working on and reviewing the expert's report

9:35 am **How To Get the Most Out of Your Expert**

Andrew Cochran, Ernst & Young LLP

Paul Morassutti, CBRE Limited

Allan Sternberg, Ricketts Harris LLP

Linda Fuerst, Senior Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

- Maximize the use of your expert outside of trial (eg. discoveries, mediations/pre-trials)
- Working with and preparing your expert for trial
- Common pitfalls or mistakes to avoid when using an expert

10:35 am Networking Break

10:50 am **Successful Techniques for Examining an Expert**

Justice Fred Myers, Ontario Superior Court of Justice

Sarit Batner, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Paul Pape, Pape Barristers Professional Corporation

- Effective techniques for direct examination of an expert including reviewing their qualifications and report
- Strategic techniques for cross-examination of an expert such as using literature and the experts' past cases
- Does hot-tubbing (concurrent evidence) work?
- How to strategically approach issues of admissibility versus weight of expert evidence during trial

11:50 am Questions and Concluding Remarks

12:00 pm Program Concludes

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