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2017'S TOP PROGRAMS REBROADCAST
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EXPERT STRATEGIES FOR TRIAL PREPARATION

Date: December 15, 2017

Original Program Chairs:

Maureen Whelton, Stevensons LLP

Andrew Lewis, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

Original program was held on November 20, 2014

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Program Chairs

Developing the Theory of the Case

Kate Hughes, Cavalluzzo Shilton McIntyre Cornish LLP

- What you need to consider when developing the case theory
- How does it play into your trial preparation?
- Deciding on a course of action when more than one theory fits

Dot Your I's and Cross Your T's: Trial Preparation Checklists

Natalie Mullins, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP

Checklists are the key to ensuring nothing is forgotten or missed and are the cornerstone to effective and thorough trial preparation. Get expert guidance on what you need to itemize and why you need to refer to and continually update your lists on your way to trial.

How Not to Lose Your Case with Your Opening and Closing Statements

Peter Cavanagh, Dentons LLP

Your opening and closing statements are your opportunity to present a concise and persuasive summary of the key elements of your case and can greatly influence the outcome. Take advantage of the lessons gained from extensive trial experience and learn:



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- How to prepare winning openings and closings
- What you should include
- What not to do and what to leave out
- How the law fits in to your statement

Break (15 minutes)

Preparing Your Examinations in Chief and Your Cross-Examinations

Barbara Legate, Legate & Associates LLP

Learn why it's important to keep your eye on the ball and how to ask focused, concise questions that will result in answers that support your case without leading the witness.

Preparing Witnesses

Linda Fuerst, Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP

Proper preparation of your witnesses is essential for success. This session will give you proven strategies and guidance for:

Being Ready for the Unexpected

Steve Tenai, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP

Despite all of the time and effort you put in to ensuring you've covered every angle, and the months of preparation, sometimes things go wrong and you are faced with the entirely unexpected. Whether it's an evidence issue, a last minute witness or any other of a myriad of unforeseen possibilities, there are steps you can take to minimize the effect on your case.

Closing Remarks



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