

### **OBA | Professional Development**

Joint program with the Sole, Small Firm and General Practice Section and The Enterprising Lawyer Series

The Enterprising Lawyer: Taking Care of Business

**Series C: Winding Up Your Practice** 

# Module 1 - Succession Planning: Buying and Selling a Law Practice

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 | 12:00 pm

Location: 99 Bank St. 15th Floor

Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 6B9 (map)

Agenda: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Registration and Lunch

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Program Including a Q & A Period







The program contains 1.5 Professionalism Hours

The OBA has been approved as an Accredited Provider of Professionalism Content by The Law Society of Upper Canada.

Are you interested in retiring or slowing down your practice? Or perhaps you want to transition to being your own boss with your own practice. Hear practical advice from lawyers with first hand experience with buying or selling their law firm. Our panelists will discuss finding a compatible practice, determining fair value of a law practice, hiring a professional to assist with buying or selling, negotiating the purchase price, and considering your payment options. Learn how to prepare your law practice for sale, attract and interview potential candidates, and draft the purchase agreement. Gain tips on transitioning your practice once it is sold, including law society obligations regarding trust accounts, transferring client files, communicating with clients about the transaction, and closed files.

Program Chair: Tanya Carlton, Tanya L. Carlton Barrister and Solicitor

Moderator: Kathleen Robichaud, Law Office of Kathleen Robichaud

Panelists: Kathleen Geiger, Geiger Law Practice Sales

**Leslie Kirk**, Kirk Law Office Professional Corporation **Donna Neff**, Neff Law Office Professional Corporation

12:30 Opening Remarks

#### 12:35 Purchasing a Practice

Leslie Kirk, Kirk Law Office Professional Corporation

- Finding a compatible practice that meets your budget and needs
- Determining fair value of a law practice
- Negotiating the purchase price
- Considering various payment options

#### 1:00 Selling a Law Practice

Donna Neff, Neff Law Office Professional Corporation

- Preparing your law practice for sale
- Reviewing the purchase agreement
- Transitioning your practice once it is sold
- Law Society obligations regarding trust accounts, transferring client files, communicating with clients about the transaction, and closed files

## 1:25 Helping Buyers and Sellers Find Each Other and Reach an Agreement

Kathleen Geiger, Geiger Law Practice Sales

- Deciding when to use a professional who assists with buying and selling practices
- Determining exactly what you are selling
- Attracting potential candidates and conducting candidate interviews
- 1:50 Q&A Period
- 2:00 Closing Remarks

	CBA Member
In-Person w. Lunch	\$50*
Webcast	\$50*

<sup>\*</sup>plus applicable taxes