

Professionalism for Planning & Municipal Lawyers

Municipal Law



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018 | 9:00 am to 12:30pm
Location: OBA Conference Centre
20 Toronto Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2B8

Program Chairs: **Nathan Muscat**, City of Toronto
Adrian Frank, Devine Park LLP



Professionalism Hours: : This program contains a total of 3 hours of Professionalism content including 15 Minutes of Equality and Inclusion Professionalism content and 2 hours and 45 minutes of other Professionalism content.

Substantive Hours: This program is eligible for up to 0h 30m
The OBA has been approved as an Accredited Provider of Professionalism Content by The Law Society of Ontario.

Join your municipal and planning law colleagues at this annual program to gain strategies for managing professionalism related issues within your practice. Hear insights from our expert speakers on practice management and ethics related topics emerging within the municipal and planning bar and best practices that you should consider. At this year's program, we will explore the following topics:

- Observations and feedback from the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal on its first eight months of proceedings
- An overview of issues involved with lobbyists and lobbyist registries in Ontario
- A refresher on privilege and confidentiality
- A primer on the Law Society of Ontario's new Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion initiatives
- An exploration of ethical considerations that arise at the nexus of zealous advocacy and compliance with rules of practice and procedure

Register now to obtain your professionalism hours for the year at a program designed specifically for you as a municipal and planning lawyer.

9:00 am Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:10 am **Feedback from LPAT's First Six Months**

James McKenzie, Associate Chair, Ontario Municipal Board
Stan Floras, Legal Counsel, Environment and Land Tribunals

- Feedback on Case Management Conferences
- Advice on scope, tips for preparation, discussion of opportunities
- General advice from the Tribunal
- Substantive discussion on managing proceedings in two systems – Straddling the divide between legacy system and post-Bill 139 regime

9:50 am **Refresher on Lobbying and Lobbyist Registries**

Stephen Littlejohn, Inquiries and Investigations Counsel, Office of the Lobbyist Registrar

- Communicating with your client around lobbying registries
- Highlighting requirements of lobbyist registries in Ontario
- Professional obligations when advising clients respecting lobbying and registration

10:20 am Networking Break

10:35 am **How Firms and Organizations Can Promote Inclusivity in the Workplace**

Ranjan Agarwal, Partner, Bennett Jones LLP

- Addressing barriers faced by equity-seeking groups in the legal profession
- Tips and strategies for promoting inclusion at work

10:55 am **Privilege and Confidentiality: Balancing Caution and Client Interests**

Michael Melling, Partner, Davies Howe LLP

Mary L. Flynn-Guglietti, Partner, McMillan LLP

W. Brad Hanna, Partner, McMillan LLP

- Case law and rules on confidentiality
- Respecting professional obligations while helping create an open dialogue and preventing an unduly adversarial environment
- "Friendly" appeals to LPAT
- The role of the political environment in settlement communications

11:45 am **How Compliance with Rules of Practice and Procedure Affects Outcomes and Strategy**

Alexander Suriano, Solicitor, City of Toronto

Meaghan Barrett, Aird & Berlis LLP

- Recent experiences at TLAB and LPAT
- Ensuring that Rules of Practice and Procedure are not abused
- Exploring the tension between professional duties and practicality
- Zealous advocacy, the letter of the, and obligations to the rules/system and your fellow professionals

12:15 pm Questions and Closing Remarks

12:30 pm Program Concludes

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