

OBA | Professional Development

Corporate Law Basics

Business Law / Young Lawyers Division

Date: Friday, April 13, 2018 | 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Twenty Toronto Street Conferences and Events

20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chairs: Shauvik Shah, McCarthy Tétrault LLP











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Whatever your practice area, you are likely to need to address corporate law issues. How are corporate reorganizations used in the context of family law, estate planning, and contractual disputes? What are representations and warranties, and what do they mean for your clients? Learn the essentials of corporate law including corporate structures, basic tax vocabulary, tax considerations for an owner-manager, and the use of valuation in disputes. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from expert practitioners and add valuable knowledge to your practice by building a strong corporate law foundation.

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Corporate Structures: The Basics

Kaitlyn Ledingham, Gardiner Roberts LLP

- Different share classes: when are they used, and
- Control of the company: the role of shareholders, officers, and directors
- The use of holdcos and opcos

9:35 am Corporate Contracts Overview

Ankur Narula, Hummingbird Lawyers LLP

- Shareholders agreements
- The use and importance of resolutions
- Reps and warranties: what are they, and what do they mean for the rest of us

10:05 am Corporate Valuations

Andrew Cochran and Kathleen Socka, Ernst & Young LLP

- Valuation methodology basics
- When and why do I need a valuation?
- The use of valuations in disputes

10:35 am Networking Break

10:50 am Corporate Reorganizations

Russel W. Drew, DLA Piper (Canada) LLP

- Understanding the basics: what is a reorganization, and why is it done?
- The use of reorganizations in other contexts: family law, estate planning, contractual disputes

11:10 am Corporate Taxation

Stefanie Morand, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

- Basic tax vocabulary: what every lawyer should know
- Share sale vs. assets sale from a tax perspective
- Spotting tax issues in corporate agreements when to call your tax colleague?

11:40 am Representing the Corporation

Brooke MacKenzie, MacKenzie Barristers Professional Corporation

- Corporations as litigants: who is your client?
- Moving up the chain of command: when your client's instructions are offside and ethical considerations
- Getting off the record: who do you serve?

12:10 pm Question Period

12:30 pm Program Concludes