

Buying and Selling a Business: A Comprehensive Guide

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Original Program Chairs:
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AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Program Chairs

What is Being Sold/Transferred?

Johanne Franklin, WeirFoulds LLP

- Sale of assets vs sale of shares
 - O What are the implications of each?

Determining Fair Value

Dave Holmes, Rumley Holmes LLP **Jeff Horvath**, ValuQuest Limited

Establishing fair value for assets and/or shares

- Evaluation methods of business valuation
- Why is price apportioned? How should total price be apportioned?
- Tax considerations

Break (15 Minutes)

Pitfalls: Preparing for the Sale with your Client

Gerald (J.R.) Beaudrie, McMillan LLP

- Drafting effective letters of intent
- Determining when to use binding or non-binding clauses



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- What covenants, representations and warranties should be included?
- Advising your client on preparation of minute books, legal agreements, and financials

Legal Searches and Due Diligence

Kathleen Robichaud, Law Office of Kathleen Robichaud **Raymond Leclair**, LAWPRO

- Issues/challenges with PPSA registrations
- What searches do you need? When do you need consents, including third-party consents?
- Conducting the appropriate searches: PPSA, bankruptcy, internet, etc.
- How to interpret the searches that you have requested
- Properly delegating responsibilities to staff
- Using third party services to conduct due diligence- how much (if any) oversight is required?
- What do you do when a problem arises because your due diligence missed something?

Break (1 Hour)

Negotiating the Sale

Russel Drew, DLA Piper (Canada) LLP Justin Mooney, DLA Piper (Canada) LLP

- Advising your client on the liabilities they will assume on closing
- Conditions of closing: important considerations for both the buyer and the seller

Break (15 Minutes)

Hot Issues in the Sale of a Business

Arleen Huggins, Koskie Minsky LLP Rinus J. Pais, Lawrence, Lawrence, Stevenson LLP Louis Vouloukos, Lawrence, Lawrence, Stevenson LLP Paul Lomic, Lomic Law

- Intellectual Property
- Employment
- Real Property



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Professionalism Issues
Melanie Cole, Aird & Berlis LLP
Raymond Leclair, LAWPRO

- Conflicts of interest
- Ethical issues in negotiations in both large and small business transactions
- Advising your large and small business clients on business issues
- Managing professional and personal fallout

Closing Remarks



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