

## 7th Annual Professionalism Issues for Business Lawyers

**Date:** Wednesday, October 23, 2019 | 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Location:** OBA Conference Centre  
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

**Program Chairs:** **Hank White**, Practical Law Canada  
**Professor Poonam Puri**, Osgoode Hall Law School



**Professionalism Hours:** This program contains **3h 0m**  
**Substantive Hours:** This program is eligible for up to **0h 30m**

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What are the most pressing professionalism issues facing business lawyers today? Join your colleagues as our expert panelists delve into emerging trends, key cases and developments on important ethical and practice management issues, and the resulting impacts for your practice. Gain all of your Professionalism Hours for the year at this popular annual program, specifically suited to your role as a business lawyer. Register now!

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Program Chairs

### 9:05 am **Effective and Ethical Lobbying**

**Lindsay Aagaard**, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

The many aspects of ethical lobbying will be covered, including:

- The legal underpinning of Lobbying - overview of legislation relevant to lobbying and common themes:
  - Registration
  - Conflict of Interest
  - Gifts and hospitality
  - Offences
- Involvement with political parties and candidates
- Things Lawyers who are Lobbyists need to remember
- The role of transparency

### 9:45 am **Climate Change and the Responsibilities of Boards of Directors**

**Selma Lussenburg**, LLB, LL.M, C.Dir

- Canada and the Paris Agreement
- Putting Climate Change on the Board agenda
- Climate Change and corporate strategy
- Evolving Climate Change corporate governance frameworks
- Investor and other stakeholder expectations

### 10:10 am **Solicitor-Client Privilege in Board Minutes**

**Steven Frankel**, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP

- An overview of solicitor-client privilege in the minutes of boards of directors and strategies counsel should consider to preserve this privilege.

10:40 am Networking Break

### 10:50 am **Ethical Issues and Risks when Advising Boards of Directors**

**Susan Kusheryk**, Hansell LLP

- Best practices for being clear about who you are advising and being clear with the Board, company, shareholders, or client about who it is you are representing
- Conflicts that may arise when advising a board comprised of investor nominees
- Understanding whether all directors have the same interests
- Determining whether you need conflict waivers when advising all of the directors

### 11:20 am **In-House Professionalism Issues**

**Megan Hill**, Practical Law Canada

**Mark Dennison**, Constellation Software Inc.

**Amrit Sidhu**, Union Gas

Gain insights on ethical considerations for in-house counsel, including:

- Identifying the corporate client
- In-house counsel's dual role
- Tips on maintaining privilege and instructing clients
- Best practices for working with external counsel

### 11:50 am **Ethical Issues when Buying or Selling a Business**

**Melanie Cole**, Aird & Berlis LLP

**Adria Leung-Lim**, Aird & Berlis LLP

- Gain practical tips and insight on important issues to consider when acting for the buyer or seller on the sale of a business.

12:20 pm **Questions and Closing Remarks**

12:30 pm **Program Concludes**

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