

Defamation Law: A Practical Guide for Litigators

Civil Litigation



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Agenda: 8:30 am Registration & Breakfast
9:00 am Program Commences
12:00 pm Program Concludes



Substantive Hours: This program is eligible for up to 3h

Defamation law is a unique area of the law that not all practitioners are familiar with, but should be. You should have a solid understanding of the fundamentals to assist your clients should this issue arise for them. Our stellar faculty will provide you with the essentials, and update you with relevant legislation and key case law that has recently come down from the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Register now for this essential program to gain a more comprehensive understanding of how this law functions, the impact of the internet on it, as well as cyber libel and the how the new Anti-SLAPP developments will affect litigators.

Program Chairs: **Amandeep S. Dhillon**, Kramer Simaan Dhillon LLP
Kaley Pulfer, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Nuts and Bolts of Defamation**

Amandeep S. Dhillon, Kramer Simaan Dhillon LLP
Kaley Pulfer, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Receive an overview of defamation law and understand the unique aspects of this legal concept.

9:25 am **Cyber Libel**

Ryder Gilliland, DMG Advocates LLP
Alexi Wood, St. Lawrence Barristers LLP
Danielle Stone, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

- Impact of the internet on defamation law
- Updates on:
 - Notice requirements
 - Anonymous defamation
 - Norwich Orders
 - Takedown notices
 - Jurisdiction

10:10 am Networking Break

10:25 am **Anti-SLAPP Developments**

Julia Lefebvre, Bersenas Jacobsen Chouest Thomson
Blackburn LLP

Justin Safayeni, Stockwoods LLP Barristers

Odette Soriano, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

- Overview of the legislation and recent decisions from the Ontario Court of Appeal
- What do these developments mean for plaintiffs and defendants?

11:10 am **Moving Forward in Defamation Law**

Grace Shafran, Counsel to CTV News

Peter Downard, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

Brian MacLeod Rogers, Barrister & Solicitor

- How defamation law is evolving
- Where do we go from here?
- Tips for litigators who want to practice defamation law

11:55 am Questions and Answers

12:00 pm Program Concludes

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