

OBA | Professional Development

Professionalism for Planning & Municipal Lawyers

Municipal Law

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 | 9:00 am to 12:30pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre

20 Toronto Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2B8

Program Chairs: Patrick Harrington, Aird & Berlis LLP

Nadia Chandra, Town of Oakville











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Join your municipal and planning law colleagues at this annual program to gain strategies for managing professionalism issues within your practice. Hear insights from our expert speakers on practice management and ethics related topics emerging within the municipal and planning bar. Dive into best practices that should be considered and risk management techniques that will reduce the risk of a claim. At this year's program, we will explore the topic of communication:

- With Queen's Park
- With First Nations
- · With, and within, a municipality
- · Between lawyers, and
- With unrepresented parties

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9:00 am Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:10 am Communication with Queen's Park

Peter Van Loan, Aird & Berlis LLP

- How to get heard
- Understand the difference between ministry officials and political staffers
- Lobbying

9:40 am Communication with, and within, a municipality

Nicole Auty, City Solicitor, Hamilton

- What are the rules regarding communications with a municipality?
- Municipal counsel as the gatekeeper
- Dealing with pressures in the public sector

10:20 am Networking Break

10:35 am Communication between lawyers

Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP

- · Advocating for your client while maintaining civility
- Navigating without prejudice communications
- Reduce risk of being reported for, and subjected to, disciplinary action by the Law Society
- Reduce risk of client exposure to additional costs for which the lawyer may be found responsible

11:05 am Communication with unrepresented parties

Lia Magi, Legal Counsel, City of Mississauga

- Avoiding allegations of sharp practice
- Tension between professional duties and practicality
- · Best practices in risk management

11:35 am Practical Strategies for Indigenous Consultations

Alan McLeod, Acting City Solicitor, Kingston

- Duty to consult
- Role of the municipality vs. Province
- Expectations regarding *Planning Act* applications

12:15 pm Questions and Closing Remarks

12:30 pm Program Concludes

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