

Professionalism in Motions

Civil Litigation



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Monday, March 02, 2020 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

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



Professionalism Hours: This program contains a total of 3 hours of Professionalism content

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Being the Moving Party or the Respondent on any motion can be an intense process with tight timelines, high client expectations and uncertain outcomes. These can be further amplified when you are dealing with difficult or unreasonable opposing counsel and/or self-represented litigants. It is critical for counsel to maintain the highest degree of professionalism, while still providing the best possible level of representation for their clients during the preparation and appearance for a motion.

Join this expert faculty to hear some of the key professionalism tips as well as potential pitfalls to avoid when you are preparing for a motion. Whether it is dealing with the last minute piece of case law or unreasonable actions by the opposing party, this discussion will ensure that you can confidently respond while representing your client and protecting your professional reputation.

Program Chairs: **Justin Nasser**, Goddard Nasser LLP
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Speakers: **The Honourable Fred Myers**, Ontario Superior Court of Justice
Arieh Bloom, Tupman & Bloom
Shaneka Taylor, Boghosian + Allen LLP
Ranjan Das, Berkow Youd Lev-Farrell Das LLP

8:30 am Registration and Coffee & Breakfast	10:50 am Networking Break
9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks	11:05 am Dealing with Difficult Opposing Counsel
9:05 am Key Professionalism Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dealing with difficult counsel generally (responding to rude/uncooperative/sexist/racist/insulting counsel in correspondence and calls) Responding to sharp practice (noting in default, bringing a motion on short notice, serving material short) Common issues with unprofessional counsel (breaches of Rule 1.09 of Rules of Civil Procedure re: communicating with court, breaches around the rules of speaking to witnesses under examination) Addressing unprofessional conduct in cost submissions
9:55 am Dealing with Self-Represented Litigants	12:00 pm Program Concludes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicating transparently with opposing counsel When you are required to provide notice to opposing counsel What to do if you haven't given appropriate notice Considerations for speaking to witnesses Narrowing and resolving issues in advance Developing and sticking to timetables (and what to do if you or opposing counsel can't) Considerations when writing to the Court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General considerations when dealing with self-represented litigants How to be 'helpful' while still representing your client Service challenges with self-represented litigants Self-represented litigants in the court room Tips (including asking the Court to dispense with the need for consent on the form/content of an order) Enforcement of court orders

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