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Mastering Examinations for Discovery

Civil Litigation

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 | 9:00 am to 12:15 pm

Location: Webinar Only

Agenda: 9:00 am Program Commences

12:15 pm Program Concludes



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This program contains:
Ohr 30m of Professionalism Content
2hr 45m of Substantive Content

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Examinations for discovery are an essential part of litigation, where your preparedness and performance can impact the way the rest of the case unfolds. Join our stellar faculty for a comprehensive and practical program on everything you need to know relating to examinations for discovery. Our experienced panel will guide you through the process from beginning to end, including how to effectively prepare for your discoveries, practical tips for conducting your discoveries as well as the appropriate steps to take after the completion of your discoveries. This program will end with a mock discovery where you will see the theory play out in a dynamic demonstration.

Join us for this fundamental program!

Program Chairs: Claudia Cappuccitti, Dyer Brown LLP

Brendan Clancy, DLA Piper (Canada) LLP

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Examinations for Discovery

Emily Fan, Lerners LLP

- Review the purposes of examinations for discovery and the obligations that arise from them
- Examine the relevant Rules of Civil Procedure

9:35 am Preparing for Examinations for Discovery

Ray Thapar, Simmons da Silva LLP

- How to prepare your witness to give evidence and explaining the issue of full disclosure
- Preparing for the examination of discovery of the opposing party
- Creating a discovery checklist

10:05 am Conducting the Discovery

Jeremy Opolsky, Torys LLP Sarah Whitmore, Torys LLP

- Practical tips to ensure a clean transcript
- Common pitfalls when conducting examinations for discovery
- Controlling the examination

- Asking effective questions
- Dealing with a difficult witness
- Dealing with difficult counsel

10:35 am Networking Break

10:50 am Undertakings, Questions Under Advisement and Refusals

Sarah Naiman, Thomson Rogers

- Purpose and benefit in obtaining undertakings
- When to take questions under advisement
- Grounds for objecting to questions posed to the witness
- Preparing for and conducting undertakings motion

11:20 am Mock Discovery

Brendan Clancy, DLA Piper (Canada) LLP **Claudia Cappuccitti,** Dyer Brown LLP

Observe a mock examination for discovery incorporating the tips and techniques already outlined.

12:00 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

12:15 pm Program Concludes

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