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Mastering Summary Judgment Motions

Civil Litigation

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 | 9:00 am to 12:15 pm

Location: Webinar Only

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The summary judgment motion can be a powerful tool and a core component of a litigator's toolbox. However, you need to know where summary judgments are appropriate and how these motions can be used effectively, whether you are pursuing or defending them.

Get up to speed on the relevant case law and understand what the judiciary expects for summary judgment motions. Leading practitioners and the Bench will provide practical insight regarding the cases that are ideal for summary disposition, how to prosecute or defend the motion, and what is expected from counsel at the hearing. Delve deeper into the use of summary judgment motions with faculty from specific practice areas.

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Program Chairs: Erin Hoult, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Paul-Erik Veel, Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Summary Judgment in 2020: A Case Law Update Andrea Gonsalves, Stockwoods LLP

Tina Lie, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

- Review recent developments in summary judgment
- Understand how the principles in Hryniak have developed over the last six years
- Learn what constitutes partial summary judgment and when it might be available

9:45 am Analyzing, Prosecuting and Defending a Summary Judgment Motion

Kiran Patel, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP **Shaneka Shaw Taylor**, Boghosian + Allen LLP

- Learn to spot the opportunity for summary judgment and decide when to bring the motion
- Determine the risks and benefits associated with pursuing summary judgment
- Get tips for defending a premature motion for summary judgment
- Walk-through the steps to prosecute or defend a summary judgment motion from gathering the necessary evidence, drafting the affidavit(s), conducting examinations, and preparing an effective factum
- Learn what is expected for the motion hearing, including a virtual one, and what a summary judgment motion may mean for strategy later in the case

10:30 am Health Break

10:45 am Practice Perspectives: Commercial, Class Actions, Negligence, and Employment Law

Rahool Agarwal, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb

Monique Jilesen, Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP Nadia Marotta, Lerners LLP

Kristen Pennington, McMillan LLP

- Gain valuable insight from practitioners specializing in these areas of the law
- Delve into the unique challenges these practice areas hold for summary judgments
- Compare strategies to grasp a deeper understanding of the process

11:40 am What the Bench Expects from Counsel

The Honourable Benjamin Zarnett, Court of Appeal for Ontario

The Honourable Darla Wilson, Superior Court of Justice

- Hear from the bench on what they expect from counsel in their materials and on the hearing day itself
- Understand the policy considerations behind summary judgment from a judicial perspective

12:10 pm Closing Remarks

12:15 pm Program Concludes

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