

Maximizing the Expert Witness in Civil Litigation

Civil Litigation

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 | 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Webinar Only

Agenda: 9:00 am Program Commences
12:30 pm Program Concludes



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This program contains:
1h 15m of Professionalism Content
2hr 15m of Substantive Content

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Working with expert witnesses is a key skill for civil litigators, and an essential part of litigation. Judges often rely on expert witnesses to provide information relevant to understanding complex issues that are at play in litigation, so it is important to understand how to best prepare and work with your experts. Join us for this comprehensive program where you will learn tips and tricks for:

- Locating, selecting and retaining effective experts
- Preparing persuasive expert reports
- Strengthening expert evidence in court - Compelling chief/cross strategies
- How to effectively navigate expert Evidence with a view from the Bench
- Dealing with experts remotely – the Virtual Trial

Join us for this thorough and informative program!

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9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-Examination - withstanding scrutiny and standing ground • Re-exam
9:05 am	Locating, Selecting and Retaining Effective Experts Erica Baron , McCarthy Tétrault LLP Yael Bienenstock , Torsys LLP	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Searching for experts - where to look? • How to assess qualifications • Initial contact and vetting process • Clearing conflicts and retaining 	10:30 am Health Break
9:30 am	Preparing Persuasive Expert Reports Chloe Snider , Dentons LLP Katharine Byrick , Borden Ladner Gervais LLP	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial preparations and working with your expert effectively • How the expert report fits into planning the trial strategy • Review and revisions to reports • Responding and Reply 	10:45 am How to Effectively Navigate Expert Evidence - View from the Bench The Honourable Fred Myers , Superior Court of Justice The Honourable Michael D. Manson , Federal Court of Canada
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weighing expert evidence and the role of credibility • Chief and Cross - tips and pitfalls • Persuasive use of expert evidence to tip the scale
10:00 am	Strengthening Expert Evidence in Court - Compelling Chief/Cross Strategies Jonathan Lisus , Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb Jordana Sanft , Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with and preparing your expert for trial • Evidence in chief - establishing credibility and trust 	11:30 am Dealing with Experts Remotely – the Virtual Trial Andrew Parley , Lenczner Slaght Alan Macek , DLA Piper (Canada) Michal Kasproicz , DLA Piper (Canada)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges leading up to trial • The virtual Exam-in-Chief • Cross-examination from afar • Virtual shift - were the good ol' days really that good?
		12:15 pm Q&A and Closing Remarks
		12:30 pm Program Concludes

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