

## Ethics and Civility in Litigation in the Changing Social Dynamic

*Insurance Law/Civil Litigation*



Webcast

**Date:** Thursday, November 12, 2020 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Location:** Webinar Only

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



**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Professionalism**  
**Hours:** This program contains 0 hours and 45 minutes.

**Professionalism Hours:** This program contains 2 hours and 15 minutes.

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Join us as we explore how the unprecedented challenges of 2020 have impacted our roles as advocates to practice ethically and with civility in our ever-changing legal landscape – a landscape which has moved out of the traditional courtroom and into the virtual world, and within a world calling for social change. Our stellar faculty will cover a myriad of pertinent ethical issues, including how our increased use of and dependence on technology to practice law may create potential disparity and an ethical dilemma between those with access and knowledge of technology, and those without. Gain valuable insight from the Bench on the interaction between ethics, civility and virtual litigation. The discussion at this annual program will also address how the profession can adapt to society's call for equality, and touch on the historic problems of unconscious bias that exist in the legal system.

Don't miss out on this informative and invaluable program.

**Program Chairs:** **Bronwyn Martin**, MMW LLP  
**Dennis Ong**, Aviva Trial Lawyers  
**Samantha Green**, Fogler, Rubinoff LLP

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **View from the Bench**

**Chief Justice George R. Strathy**, Ontario Court of Appeal  
**Master P. Tamara Sugunasiri**, Ontario Superior Court of Justice

- Hear from the Bench about virtual litigation including:
  - What does the Court expect from counsel with respect to civility, communications and candour?
  - What are the possibilities and limitations of virtual motions and pre-trials, and how can counsel come best prepared?
  - What does the current state of virtual litigation mean for the future of the profession?

9:45 am **Civility, Race and Unconscious Bias in the Legal Profession**

**Anusha Aruliah**, Department of Justice  
**Teresa-Anne Martin**, Aviva Trial Lawyers

- Discuss unconscious bias and discrimination in the legal profession, as well as tools for addressing these persisting inequities

10:40 am Break

10:50 am **Ethical Practice and Conflicts of Interest**

**Robin Moodie**, Moodie Mair Walker LLP  
**Jennifer Ip**, LAWPRO

- Understand how to practice ethically and avoid conflicts of interest, and how this applies in the remote context

11:45 am Questions and Concluding Remarks

12:00 pm Program Concludes

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