

Professionalism in Municipal and Planning Law

Municipal Law



Webcast

Date: Thursday, December 03, 2020 | 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Webinar

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



Professionalism Hours: This program contains a total of 2 hours and 15 minutes

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Professionalism Hours: This program contains 1 hour

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Join your municipal and planning law colleagues at this annual program to gain strategies for managing professionalism related issues within your practice. Hear insights from our expert speakers on practice management and ethics related topics emerging within the municipal and planning bar as well as best practices and risk management techniques to improve your practice.

Program Chairs: **Marc P. Kemerer**, Devry Smith Frank LLP
Andrea Wilson-Peebles, Legal Counsel, The Corporation of the City of Brampton

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Practice Management and Ethics in a Virtual World – Virtual Hearings**

Derin Abimbola, Solicitor, City of Toronto

Chris Barnett, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

Jonathan Nehmetallah, Gardiner Roberts LLP

- Professional conduct in a virtual world, responsibility to lawyers and others
- Engaging and treating the court, tribunal, opposing counsel, parties and others in an effective way in virtual hearings

9:50 am **Practice Management and Ethics in a Virtual World – Remote Workplaces**

Alexis Alyea, Town Solicitor and Manager of Legal and Court Services, Town of Caledon

Shelby Askin Hager, City Solicitor and Corporate Leader, Public Safety and Economic Development, City of Windsor

Isaac Tang, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

- Training, supervising and delegating to staff
- Securing information and maintaining confidentiality in the at home office

10:30 am Health Break

10:40 am **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Municipal Law**

Omo Akintan, Chief People Officer, People & Equity Division, City of Toronto

Naveen Mehta, Chief Legal Officer, MESH/diversity

- Value of diversity and inclusion in our work places
- Best practices for workplace diversity and inclusion
- How to prevent and address discrimination and harassment in the online office
- Impact of discrimination, daily verbal, behavioural and environmental indignities.

11:40 am **Risk Management Techniques to Improve Your Practise**

Andra L. Maxwell, City Solicitor and Director of Legal Services, City of Mississauga

Robin McCleave, Vice President, Public Sector Risk Management Leader, BFL CANADA

David J. Potts, City Solicitor, City of Peterborough

- The top ten risk management best practices
- The relationship to one's municipal client
- The relationship between in-house and external counsel
- Protecting privileged communications
- Legal advice and Council meetings
- Emerging technologies

12:25 am Closing Remarks

12:30 pm Program Concludes