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Employment Law Fundamentals

Labour & Employment Law / Young Lawyers Division

Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre

20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chairs: Christopher Achkar, Achkar Law

Behzad Hassibi, Israel Foulon LLP





In-Person

Webcast





Substantive Hours: This program is eligible for up to **4h 00m**

Client service is fundamental to building your practice. Ensure you have the tools and skills to get off on the right foot with your employment law client and maintain that trajectory. Our faculty of experienced employee and employer counsel share their expert insight on effectively administering the employment law file by addressing employment agreements, managing employment relationships, and the issue of termination. In addition, benefit from an invaluable roundtable on hot topics in employment law. Delving into these topics will help you to skillfully advise your client on navigating human resources management from a legal perspective. Attend to receive an essential overview of the most common issues involved when handling key turning points in hiring and firing with this essential program.

Register now to secure your spot. We look forward to seeing you there!

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Commencing Employment Relationships

Nhi Huynh, Achkar Law

Stefan Rosenbaum, Singh Lamarche LLP

- Benefits of written employment agreements
- Key clauses in employment contracts
- Employment policies
- Drafting best practices

9:50 am Common Issues in Managing Employment Relationships

Asha Rampersad, Bernardi Human Resource Law LLP Nadia Zaman. Rudner Law

- Harassment and violence in the workplace
- Human Rights Code and duty to accommodate
- Common Employment Standards Act issues
- Disability, parental and other kinds of leave

10:45 am Networking Break

11:00 am Terminating Employment Relationships

Richard Appiah, Appiah Law Professional Corporation

Inna Koldorf, Miller Thomson LLP

- Without cause terminations
 - Contractual entitlements vs. common law notice
- Just Cause
 - What is just cause
 - o Just Cause vs. Wilful misconduct
 - Effective use of progressive discipline
- Constructive Dismissal
 - Two-branch SCC test
 - Workplace harassment and constructive dismissal
 - Practical strategies for advising your client

12:00 pm Hot Topics in Employment Law

Christopher Robertson, Morrison Brown Sosnovitch LLP **Muneeza Sheikh**, Levitt LLP

Hear the newest insight from employer and employee counsel regarding:

- Bonus entitlement during the reasonable notice period: Matthews v. Ocean Nutrition Canada Ltd.
- Enforceability of arbitration clauses: Heller v. Uber
- Cannabis in the workplace

12:45pm Questions and Closing Remarks

1:00 pm Program Concludes

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