

13th Annual Class Actions Colloquium

Class Actions



Webcast

Date: Wednesday, December 01, 2021 | 9:00 am to 4:45 pm

Location: Webinar Only

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Back for its 13th year, the Annual Class Actions Colloquium will once again bring together leaders of the bench and bar to provide an in depth look at the most recent developments in class actions law. This year our expert faculty will share insights on amendments to the *Class Proceedings Act* (CPA) and the impact for your practice. Hear from judges from across the country in our popular “View from the Bench” panel. Plus, don’t miss our fireside chat with Justice Benjamin Zarnett. Whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants in class actions, you won’t want to miss this opportunity to ensure that you are current on the latest issues and developments.

Join us to gain an exclusive understanding and analysis of key developments in class actions law from an expert faculty of judges and lawyers engaged in the most cutting-edge issues.

Program Chairs: **Emily Assini**, McKenzie Lake Lawyers LLP
Tina Yang, Waddell Phillips Professional Corporation

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:30am Health Break

9:10 am Presentation of the OBA Award of Excellence in Class Actions (15 min)

10:50am **A Cross Country Survey**

Moderator: **Anthony O’Brien**, Siskinds LLP

Speakers:

Karim Diallo, Siskinds, Desmeules s.e.n.c.r.l.

David Jones, Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP

Sylvie Rodrigue, Torys LLP

Samantha Chang, Dentons LLP

Get up to speed on developments and trends in Quebec and British Columbia from a plaintiff and defendant bar perspective, and how this may impact class actions in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada.

9:25am **The Impact of the Amendments to the CPA on Ontario Practice**

Moderator: **Garth Myers**, Kalloghian Myers LLP

Speakers:

Celeste Poltak, Koskie Minsky LLP

Paul Martin, Fasken LLP

Ranjan Agarwal, Bennett Jones LLP

Learn about critical developments resulting from amendments to the CPA including:

- sequencing motions before certification
- the impact of superiority and predominance on certification
- the impact of the amendments on national class actions
- changes on settlement and class counsel fee approval.

11:45 pm Break for Lunch

12:15pm **Keynote Address**

Justice Benjamin Zarnett, Court of Appeal for Ontario

Moderator: **Mirilyn Sharp**, Sharp Legal

A discussion of current trends and the new legislative changes, as well as critical advice about preparing for and arguing appeals.

10:15am **Update from the Bench-Bar Committee**

Jean-Marc Leclerc, Sotos LLP

An essential update on the work of the Ontario Class Actions Bench-Bar Liaison Committee, including changes to the provincial practice direction and new model orders.

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1:00 pm **Litigating Social Justice Class Actions**

Moderator: Remissa Hirji, The Law Foundation of Ontario

Helgi Maki, Generativity Co., Coaching and Consulting

Alisa Lombard, Semaganis Worme Lombard

Paul Vickery, University of Ottawa – Faculty of Law

Learn about trauma-informed lawyering, as well as strategies to prosecute and defend social justice class actions

1:50 pm **Latest Developments in Damages**

Moderator: Jonathan Chen, Lenczner Slaght LLP

Matt Baer, McKenzie Lake Lawyers LLP

Margaret Waddell, Waddell Phillips Professional Corporation

Linda Plumpton, Torys LLP

Zohaib Maladwala, Faskens

Get your damages update on recent developments in different types of class action cases, the impact of the compensable loss requirement and the availability and quantification of aggregate damages

2:40 pm **Health Break**

2:55 pm **International Scope – Cross-Border Litigation**

Moderator: Professor Suzanne Chiodo, Western Law

Elizabeth Cabraser, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP

Julian Schimmel, Maurice Blackburn

Michael Eizenga, Bennett Jones LLP

Bozena Michalowska Howells, Leigh Day

Join this comparative panel to discuss the litigation of two key product liability cases - VW and metal-on-metal hips - in four jurisdictions. Leading counsel from both sides of the bar in Canada, the US, the U.K., and Australia will share how the cases were pursued.

3:45 pm **View from the Bench – The Judges' Perspective**

Moderator: Tina Yang, Waddell Phillips Professional Corporation

Speakers:

The Honourable Edward M. Morgan, Superior Court of Justice (ON)

The Honourable A. Duncan Grace, Superior Court of Justice (ON)

The Honourable Paul Favel, Federal Court (SK)

The Honourable Karen Horsman, Supreme Court of British Columbia

Benefit from a discussion with the Bench about a broad range of issues regarding class action proceedings from coast to coast.

4:45 pm **Closing Remarks**

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