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Understanding Title Insurance: Surveys, GST/HST Liens, Fraud, and Building Permit Claims

Real Property Law Section



Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Webinar

Program Chair: Harjot Atwal, Beard Winter LLP



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Transactional real estate lawyers often view title insurance as a necessity. Most lenders' mortgage instructions require it, and purchaser clients need to be protected from unforeseen risks. Yet, not all are completely familiar with what risks are likely to be covered. Our discussion will clarify some of the common issues that arise. Our expert faculty will provide an in-depth analysis of the different functions of surveys and title insurance, as well as updates on GST/HST lien coverage, recognizing fraud and recent case law that has affected building permit claims. Understand what types of transactions require surveys, gather insights into litigation with the CRA over GST/HST liens, and review amending recission clauses in standard form APSs.

You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear relevant practice points that require consideration and potential pitfalls to avoid.

9:00 am Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:05 am Surveys and Title Insurance in Real Estate Transactions

Mitchell Leitman, Rasmussen Starr Ruddy LLP

- Different protective functions of surveys and title insurance
- Benefits of title insurance
- When surveys and/or title Insurance might be necessary with review of relevant cases:
 - o Ontario v. Syvan Developments Ltd.
 - o Strutt v. Franko
 - o Oyelese v. Sorensen

9:45 am Super-Priority GST/HST Liens

Brigitte L.-Beauchesne, Vice President, National Underwriting Counsel, Chicago Title Insurance Company

- Difficulties obtaining answers from the CRA
- Title insurance coverage considerations
- Resolving issues with the borrower
- Litigation with the CRA

10:25 am Mental Health Break

10:40 am Fraud Protection, Equity's Darling, and Deferred Indefeasibility

Harjot Atwal, Beard Winter LLP

- Recent evolution of fraud claims
- Red flags indicating fraud and sample scenarios
- Identity fraud, corporate fraud, inter-family fraud, and international fraud
- Equity's Darling, deferred indefeasibility, and priority conflicts

11:20 am Open Building Permits and Marketability of Title

Ray Leclair, Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LAWPRO)

Overview of open building permits and their impact on closings

- Changes to definition of "marketability of title"
- Review of key cases:
 - o Small v. Chicago Title Insurance Co.
 - o Thomas v. Carreno
 - 1854822 Ontario Ltd. v. The Estate of Manuel Martins
 - MacDonald v. Chicago Title Insurance Company of Canada
 - o Breen v. FCT Insurance Company Ltd.

11:55 am Questions and Concluding Remarks

12:00 pm Program Concludes

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