

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

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Original Program Chair: Harjot Atwal, Beard Winter LLP

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AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Program Chairs

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.
 - Strutt v. Franko
 - o Oyelese v. Sorensen

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

Break (15 Minutes)



Substantive Hours: This program contains 2h 30m **Professionalism Hours:** This program contains 30m



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

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
 - o 1854822 Ontario Ltd. v. The Estate of Manuel Martins
 - o MacDonald v. Chicago Title Insurance Company of Canada
 - o Breen v. FCT Insurance Company Ltd.

Closing Remarks



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