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Managing Disputes: Strategies for Optimizing Coordination between In-House and Litigation Counsel





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Civil Litigation Section/CCCA - Ontario Chapter

Date: Thursday, June 02, 2022 | 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre

20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chair: Janet N. Chong, SOCAN (Toronto)

Brendan Clancy, Walmart Canada (Mississauga)



This program contains:

2hr 30m of Professionalism Content

1hr 0m of Substantive Content

The OBA has been approved as an Accredited Provider of Professionalism Content by The Law Society of Ontario.

Join us for this valuable program to ensure you have the essential skills and knowledge to effectively manage a litigation file for the best outcomes for your client. Get top-notch advice on litigation management and the use of fact and expert witnesses. Ensure you're up to date on key trends in the sector, including the use of data analytics and public relations considerations. Specially designed for in-house and external litigation counsel, this program will benefit private practice lawyers and corporate (in-house) counsels alike and provide you with valuable insights and helpful strategies to ensure you have the required tools to expertly help your clients as you navigate your litigation files.

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Simplifying or Avoiding Litigation

Ray Thapar, Ray Thapar Law (King City)

- Obtaining insurance
- Waivers and releases
- Drafting contracts to simplify litigation if required

9:30 am Litigation Management

Kelly Friedman, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (Toronto)

- Preserving documents
- Discovery planning and document collection
- New developments in e-discovery practices and technology

10:00 am Data Analytics

Paul-Erik Veel, Lenczner Slaght LLP (Toronto)

With the rise in the use of data analytics, find out how you can use data to predict proceedings and help shape your litigation strategy

10:25 am Public Relations

Susan Kushneryk, Kushneryk Morgan LLP (Toronto)
Peter Block, Longview Communications Inc. (Toronto)

Throughout a dispute, both corporate counsels and external counsels have a role in shaping communications plans and working with public relations advisors. Our panelists will highlight PR considerations at different

stages of a dispute.

10:55 am Wellness Break

11:05 am Fact Witnesses – Selection, Prep and Management

Catherine Gleason-Mercier, Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP

- Choosing the best fact witness for each stage of litigation
- Other essential considerations in selecting, managing and preparing fact witnesses

11:35 am Expert Witnesses in Litigation

Ephraim Stulberg, Matson Driscoll & Damico Ltd. (Toronto)

- What to expect of experts and what they will expect from you
- When do you retain an expert?
- Development in the presentation of expert opinions; what works and what does not work.

11:55 pm Forging Relationships and Providing Exceptional Service

Kimberly Eberwine, Procter & Gamble (Toronto)
Stefanie Holland, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP (Toronto)
Nidhi Punyarthi, City of Niagara Falls (Niagara Falls)
Rebecca Shoom, Lerners LLP (Toronto)

Our panelists will share helpful advice on how to effectively build and maintain ongoing successful work relationships between external and in-house counsel

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12:25 pm Closing Remarks

12:30 pm Program Concludes

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