

OBA | Professional Development

Preparing and Conducting Examinations for Discovery

Civil Litigation



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Date: Tuesday, October 04, 2022 | 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Webinar Only

Agenda: 9:00 am Program Commences

11:00 am Program Concludes



This program contains:

Ohr 15m of Professionalism Content

1hr 45m of Substantive Content

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Success in litigation often relies upon successful examinations for discovery. These examinations can set up your case for success at trial or mediation. Our practiced panelists will share how to best conduct, or defend against, adverse and exploratory discoveries as an intellectually rigorous discipline that yields helpful results for your case.

Experienced counsel will share candid advice on how to:

- expertly prepare your clients for oral examinations.
- effectively conduct your examination.
- how to avoid common pitfalls in taking and defending examinations.
- uncover information you need through questioning of your opponent; and,
- discover the strengths and weaknesses for your opponent's case.

This program will leave you, and your client, with a clear path toward victory.

Program Chairs: Jennifer Brevorka, Henein Hutchison LLP (Toronto)

Sachin Persaud, Boghosian + Allen LLP (Toronto)

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Discovery Overview and Production

Valerie Stiso, Loopstra Nixon LLP Andrea Sanche, Ricketts Harris LLP

- Reviewing the purposes of the obligations that arise from them
- Examining the relevant Rules of Civil Procedure
- Disclosure obligations
- Affidavit of Documents

9:45 am Preparing and Conducting Examinations for Discovery

Ray Thapar, Thapar Law

Jean-Claude (J.-C.) Rioux, Flaherty McCarthy LLP

- How to prepare your witness to give evidence and explaining full disclosure
- Preparing for discovery of the opposing party
- Creating a checklist
- Practical tips to ensure a clean transcript and controlling the examination

- Asking effective questions
- Dealing with a difficult witness
- Dealing with difficult counsel
- Common pitfalls when conducting examinations for discovery

10:25 am Health Break

10:35 am Discovery Overview and Production

Catherine Shearer, McKenzie Lake Alexander Verrilli, McKenzie Lake

- Purpose and benefit in obtaining undertakings
- When to take questions under advisement
- Grounds for objecting to questions posed to the witness
- Preparing for and conducting undertakings motion

10:55 am Questions and Wrap-Up

11:00 am Program Concludes

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