Maximizing the Expert Witness in Civil Litigation

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AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Program Chairs

Locating, Selecting and Retaining Effective Experts
Erica Baron, McCarthy Tétrault LLP
Yael Bienenstock, Torys LLP
- Searching for experts - where to look?
- How to assess qualifications
- Initial contact and vetting process
- Clearing conflicts and retaining

Preparing Persuasive Expert Reports
Chloe Snider, Dentons LLP
Katharine Byrick, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
- Initial preparations and working with your expert effectively
- How the expert report fits into planning the trial strategy
- Review and revisions to reports
- Responding and Reply

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Strengthening Expert Evidence in Court - Compelling Chief/Cross Strategies
Jonathan Lisus, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb
Jordana Sanft, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP
- Working with and preparing your expert for trial
- Evidence in chief - establishing credibility and trust
- Cross-Examination - withstanding scrutiny and standing ground
- Re-exam

How to Effectively Navigate Expert Evidence - View from the Bench
The Honourable Fred Myers, Superior Court of Justice
The Honourable Michael D. Manson, Federal Court of Canada
- Weighing expert evidence and the role of credibility
- Chief and Cross - tips and pitfalls
- Persuasive use of expert evidence to tip the scale

Dealing with Experts Remotely – the Virtual Trial
Andrew Parley, Lenczner Slaght
Alan Macek, DLA Piper (Canada)
Michal Kasprowicz, DLA Piper (Canada)
- Challenges leading up to trial
- The virtual Exam-in-Chief
- Cross-examination from afar
- Virtual shift - were the good ol' days really that good?

Closing Remarks

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