

# Litigating An Employment File – The Essential Course

Date: August 8, 2022

Original Program Chair: Nancy Shapiro, Koskie Minsky LLP

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# **AGENDA**

Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Program Chairs

**Providing the Initial Opinion** 

R. Mark Fletcher, Grosman Gale Fletcher Hopkins LLP

Darryl Hiscocks, Torys LLP

Arleen Huggins, Koskie Minsky LLP

Rachel Turnpenney, Turnpenney Milne LLP

- Notice contract enforceability and termination clauses
- Restrictive covenants
- Exceptional circumstances and providing opinions on the one-sided tale (termination facts, human rights concerns, investigations/complaints and possible reprisals)
- Potential pitfalls: EI, mitigation, record preservation

## **Pre-litigation Professionalism**

Sarah Crossley, Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP Ruben Goulart, Goulart Workplace Lawyers Jennifer Zdriluk, Ross & McBride LLP

- Negotiation strategies, objectives, communication, dos and don'ts
- Retainers and contingency retainers
- Client Management in employment litigation
- Are there circumstances where section 3 counsel is not required, despite the fact that capacity is at issue?



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## **30 Minute Keynote Address**

The Honourable Mr. Justice William LeMay, Ontario Superior Court of Justice

Lunch (1 Hour)

## **Pleadings and Initial Steps**

David Whitten, Whitten & Lublin PC

- Boilerplate pleadings v bespoke?
- Tips for drafting employment law pleadings
- Including heads of damages and allegations known to be absent

#### Mediations

Tracy Kay, Minden Gross LLP

Megan Shortreed, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

- Determining when to mediate
- Selecting your mediator
- Discussing disclosure
- Strategy
- Documenting the settlement

## **Discovery**

## Natalie C. MacDonald, MacDonald and Associates

- Discovery plans
- Obtaining the documents
- Preservation
- Technology use
- How to prepare for and conduct the examination
- How to prepare for and attend the examination of your own client
- How to get what you need at discovery to win at trial!

#### **Motions**

## Nafisah Chowdhury, Miller Thomson LLP

Summary judgment? why, current law



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Undertaking motions, and more

#### **Trials**

Rich Appiah, Appiah Law
Jeremy Devereux, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada
P.A. Neena Gupta, Gowlings WLG
The Honourable Mr. Justice William LeMay, Ontario Superior Court of Justice
Greg McGinnis, Matthews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP

- How to efficiently run the small case
- Essential trial preparation strategy for employment matters
- Simplified procedure matters
- Use of technology
- Tips for conducting your trial

**Closing Remarks** 



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