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Employment Law Fundamentals

Labour & Employment Law / Young Lawyers Division

Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Webinar

Agenda: 9:00 am Webinar Commences

12:00 pm Webinar Concludes



Webcast







Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Professionalism

Hours: This program contains 45 minutes

Substantive Hours: This program contains 2 hours and 15

minutes

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The field of employment law has experienced dramatic shifts over the past two years. Join us to ensure you have the tools and skills to meet the needs of today's employment law clients. Hear experienced employee and employer-side counsel share their expert insight on effectively administering employment law files by addressing employment agreements, managing employment relationships, and the issue of termination. In addition, you'll benefit from an invaluable discussion of critical EDI issues in the employment law context.

Register now to secure your spot. We look forward to seeing you there!

Program Chairs: Jennifer Philpott, Goulart Workplace Lawyers

Arlene Preddie, Preddie Law

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Commencing Employment Relationships

Lai-King Hum, Hum Law Firm (Toronto)
Cenobar Parker, Parker Sim LLP (Toronto)

- Benefits of written employment agreements
- Key clauses in employment contracts
- Employment policies
- Drafting key clauses lessons learned about layoffs, constructive dismissal, and more

9:45 am Managing Employment Relationships

Gregory Ko, Kastner Lam LLP (Toronto) **Stephanie V. Lewis**, Dentons (Ottawa)

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- Harassment and violence in the workplace
 Human Rights Code and duty to accommodate
- Common Employment Standards Act issues
- Disability, parental and other kinds of leave
- COVID-19 mandates and the workplace

10:25 am Health Break

10:40 am Terminating Employment Relationships

Cassandra da Costa, Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP (London)

Tina Lie, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP (Toronto)

- Without cause terminations
 - Contractual entitlements vs. common law notice
- Just Cause
 - What is just cause
 - o Just Cause vs. Wilful misconduct
 - o Effective use of progressive discipline
- Constructive Dismissal
 - Understanding the two-branch test
 - Workplace harassment and constructive dismissal
 - o Practical strategies for advising your client

11:20 am Critical Issues in Employment Law

Nathaniel Marshall, Marshall Workplace Law (Toronto)

Danielle Rawlinson, Monkhouse Law Employment Lawyers
(Toronto)

 Addressing systemic discrimination and Anti-Black Racism in the workplace

12:00 pm Questions and Closing Remarks