

## 16th Annual Class Actions Colloquium

### Class Actions



In Person



Webcast

**Date:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Reception to follow

**Location:** OBA Conference Centre  
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

**Chairs:** **Karine Bédard**, Waddell Phillips Professional Corporation  
**Christine Galea**, Dolden Wallace Folick LLP

This program contains:  
1h 00m of **EDI content\***  
4h 45m of **Substantive content\***  
1h 15m of **Professionalism content\***



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The Annual Class Actions Colloquium is back for its 16<sup>th</sup> year! Join our outstanding faculty of speakers as they provide critical insights on emerging issues. Hear perspectives from judges in our popular “Views from the Bench” panel and receive practical tips to help you confidently navigate the issues arising in your practice.

Whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, you won’t want to miss this unique opportunity to benefit from the knowledge of our experienced faculty.

Register now to secure your spot.

8:30 am **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

9:05 am **Framing and defending liability for multiple alleged wrongdoers**

**Moderator: Ruby Egit**, Branch MacMaster LLP

**Elizabeth Bowker**, Stieber Berlach LLP

**Golnaz Nayerahmadi**, Rochon Genova LLP

Understand key legal principles and practical considerations based on recent case law involving multiple alleged wrongdoers. Gain expert strategies for bringing and defending these cases.

9:45 am **Claims Brought by Governments**

**Moderator: Sarah Whitmore**, Torgys LLP

**Chelsea Hermanson**, Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP

**Zohaib Maladwala**, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

**Kelly Millar**, British Columbia, Ministry of the Attorney General

**W. David Rankin**, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

Gain expert insights into the unique nature of claims brought by governments, lessons learned, and what to expect going forward.

10:30 am **Health Break**

10:45 am **Insolvency and Class Actions**

**Moderator: Ryan Morris**, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

**Gillian Dingle**, Torgys LLP

**Serge Kalloghlian**, Kalloghlian Myers LLP

**Massimo (Max) Starnino**, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

Dig into the intersection of insolvency and class actions, including strategic considerations and the impact on settlement.

11:30 am **Keynote Address**

**Professor Linda Mullenix**, University of Texas School of Law

12:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 pm **Section 25 – Individual Issues**

**Moderator: Tina Yang**, Goldblatt Partners LLP

**The Honourable Paul M. Perell**

**Professor Suzanne Chiodo**, Osgoode Hall Law School

**H. Michael Rosenberg**, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

**Odette Soriano**, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

Take a deep dive into Section 25 of the Class Proceedings Act and gather practical strategies for approaching individual issues.

2:00 pm **Diversity in Class Actions (breakout rooms)**

Join us for an important discussion on diversity in class actions. Select one of the two options below to best suit your needs and preferences.

**Option A: EDI in the Courtroom (panel discussion)**

**Moderator: Soudeh Hosseini**, Hosseini & Hosseini LLP

**Aubrey Abaya**, Women’s Legal Education & Action Fund (LEAF)

**Halla Ahmed**, Branch MacMaster LLP

**Oneal Banerjee**, Dolden Wallace Folick LLP

Join our panel of experts as they discuss the importance of EDI in the courtroom and offer practical strategies for supporting one another in inclusive ways.

**Option B: Diversity Dialogue (interactive discussion)**

**\*offered live and in person only**

**Moderator: Deborah J. Moriah**, Moriah Paralegal

Join your colleagues for a meaningful and candid conversation on diversity in class actions. Through a facilitated group discussion, we invite you to share your lived experiences, break stigmas, and brainstorm solutions in a judgment-free space.

3:00 pm **Health Break**

3:15 pm **Settlement Implementation and Beyond**

**Moderator: Jonathan Schachter**, Waddell Phillips PC

**The Honourable Shaun E. Finn**, Superior Court of Quebec

**Dawn McPherson**, Epiq

**Jonathan Ptak**, Koskie Minsky LLP

**Victoria Yankou**, Ministry of the Attorney General, Government of Ontario

Delve into settlement implementation, including expert insights into fraud and claims screening.

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4:00 pm **Views from the Bench**

**Moderator: Karine Bédard**, Waddell Phillips PC

**Moderator: Christine Galea**, Dolden Wallace Folick LLP

**The Honourable Sébastien Grammond**, Federal Court

**The Honourable Jasmine T. Akbarali**, Ontario Superior Court of Justice

**The Honourable Ward K. Branch**, British Columbia Supreme Court

Benefit from a discussion with the Bench about a broad range of issues in class action proceedings from coast to coast, including:

- Certification test requirements;
- Sequencing;
- Mega-settlements; and
- Professionalism in class actions.

4:50 pm **Closing Remarks**

5:00 pm **Program Concludes**

5:30 pm **Award of Excellence in Class Actions Reception**

(optional add on)

Join us at **Deloitte's Conference Centre, Bay Adelaide East, 5th floor, 8 Adelaide Street West** for canapes and cocktails as we present the 2024 OBA Award of Excellence in Class Actions.

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