

## 12th Annual Professionalism Issues for Business Lawyers



In Person Webcast

**Date:** Thursday, December 5, 2024 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

**Program Chairs:** **Zain Naqi**, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb LLP  
**Massimo Orsini**, Oziel Law



**Professionalism Hours:** This program contains **2h 0m**  
**1h 0m of Equality, and Inclusion Professionalism Content**

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What are the most pressing professionalism issues facing business lawyers today? Join your colleagues as our expert panelists delve into emerging trends, key cases and developments on important ethical and practice management issues, and the resulting impacts for your practice.

Bring yourself up to speed on key ethical issues, and gain all of your professionalism hours for the year at this popular annual program, specifically suited to your role as a business lawyer.

This program is part of the OBA's first **Ethics Day**. Following the program, join us for a special **Intersections Mix and Mingle** to expand your referral network and build connections with lawyers practicing across a number of legal areas, including business law, tax law, municipal law, litigation and administrative law. Take advantage of this opportunity to grow your relationships with your fellow lawyers and maximize the benefit of your OBA community.

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:50am Networking Break

9:05 am **Adoption of Novel Technologies into Your Corporate Law Practice: Professional and Ethical Considerations**

**Al Hounsell**, Gowling WLG

**Professor Amy Salzyzn**, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law

**Monica Goyal**, Caravel Law LLP and Briefly LLC

Business lawyers and Corporate counsel are increasingly adopting novel technologies to assist with client and compliance matters. As a result, the ethical considerations and professional obligations around adoption of this technology are continually evolving. Join our expert panel for an examination of the practical challenges and opportunities, including:

- Determining suitability and who should be authorized for use
- Preserving client confidentiality and obtaining informed consent from clients when integrating new technologies
- Ensuring accuracy and protecting your firm against errors and omissions.
- Identifying potential biases and their implications

11:00am **Generational Diversity: Minimizing Conflict and Maximizing Value**

**Professor Eddy Ng**, Smith Professor of Equity & Inclusion, Smith School of Business, Queens University

For the first time in history, there are five generations in the workplace. Hear about the career-related differences between generations and what it means for your relationships and organization.

11:30am **Cultivating a Culture of Belonging**

**Mahwash Khan**, Director, IDEA Programs, Siskinds LLP

Learn about belonging and psychological safety in the workplace, including why it is important and how you can foster a culture of belonging in your firm.

12:00 pm Program Concludes/ Reception

9:55 am **Advising Boards of Directors: Best Practices for Managing Conflicts of Interest and Effective Use of Special Committees**

**Derek D. Ricci**, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP

**Lisa Talbot**, Torgs LLP

**Orestes Pasparakis**, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP

- Professional obligations and situations where conflicts can arise
- When should you call in someone else to give advice
- Internal Investigations of Board or Exec Members
- When to employ a special committee

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