

Professionalism for Municipal & Planning Lawyers

Municipal Law



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

Agenda: 8:30 am Registration
9:00 am Program Commences
12:00 pm Program Concludes

This program is eligible for up to **2 hrs** of **Professionalism Content**
This program is eligible for up to **1 hr** of **EDI Content**

Program Chairs: **Maurizio Artale**, City of Mississauga
Peter Voltsinis, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

Join your municipal and planning law colleagues at this annual program to gain strategies for managing professionalism related issues within your practice. Hear valuable insights from our experienced practitioners on handling the tricky issues, including best practices for communications with elected officials, and municipal entities (including non-share corporations that are wholly owned by a municipality). In addition, gather key strategies for dealing with self-represented parties at the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to receive all of the professionalism and EDI hours you need in one valuable event. Register now to secure your spot!

9:00am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05am **Communications with Elected Officials & Municipal Corporations**

Chantel Morrison, Regional Municipality of Peel
Jody Johnson, Regional Municipality of Halton

- Potential conflict of interest and confidentiality issues when legal counsel for municipal corporations communicate with the municipality?
- What advice can municipal counsel give to elected officials?
- Who provides instructions to municipal counsel?
- When can municipal counsel receive instructions from elected officials?

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 or organization.

10:05am **Effective Strategies for Dealing with Self-Represented Parties at the Ontario Land Tribunal**

Derin Abimbola, City of Toronto
Ian Flett, Ian Flett Professional Corporation

- What are the common pitfalls to avoid when working with self-represented parties?
- How can you ensure a self-represented party knows that you are not acting for them?

12:00pm Program Concludes

10:50am Networking Break

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