

The Civil Trial – Views from the Bench

Civil Litigation



Webcast



Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Webinar Only

Agenda: 9:00 am Program Commences
11:30 am Program Concludes

This program contains:
2hr 30m of Substantive Content

Whether you are an experienced litigator or a recently-called lawyer, you do not want to miss this exciting program on the civil trial process. In this unique program, you'll hear from experienced judges who have presided over countless trials and have seen first-hand what trial techniques work and what mistakes litigators often make. Civil litigators can pick up valuable advice and strategies from the Bench to ensure that they master their craft. We look forward to seeing you there.

Program Chairs: Sean Petrou, McCarthy Tétrault LLP
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9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparing your witness ▪ Maintaining your theme ▪ How to avoid leading your witness • Cross-Examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Length of Cross-Exams: Knowing when to Quit ▪ Understanding the rule in Browne v. Dunn ▪ The Rudderless Cross-Exam ▪ The Importance of Listening to the Witness • Re-Examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Re-Exam not Re-Peat" ▪ Preparing and Rehabilitating the Witness
9:05 am Opening and Closing Statements Moderator: Nigel McKechnie , Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP The Honourable Justice Spencer Nicholson , Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Southwest) The Honourable Justice Phillip Sutherland , Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Central East) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jury vs. Non-Jury cases • Preparation and pitfalls to avoid • The use of visual aids 	
9:40 am Introducing Evidence at Trial Moderator: Katherine Di Tomaso , Stieber Berlach LLP The Honourable Justice Lucille Shaw , Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Central West) The Honourable Justice Ranjan K. Agarwal , Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Central West) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the Rules to gather and present necessary and cogent evidence • Make your Evidence Count: issues of admissibility • Preparation is the Key to Success: organization and exhibits 	
10:10 am Health Break	
10:20 am The Art of Examination Moderator: Dennis Ong , Aviva Trial Lawyers The Honourable Justice J. Ross Macfarlane , Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Southwest) The Honourable Justice Jamie K. Trimble , Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Central West)	
	10:50 am Top 10 Trial Mistakes and How to Avoid Them Moderator: Valérie Lord , McCarthy Tétrault LLP The Honourable Justice Sarah Pepall , Court of Appeal for Ontario The Honourable Justice Frederick L. Myers , Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Toronto) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to avoid the many pitfalls encountered by trial lawyers
	11:25 am Questions, Answers and Closing Remarks
	11:30 am Program Concludes

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