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Construction Law Symposium

Construction and Infrastructure Law Section

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025 | 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

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

Toronto

Agenda: 8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Program Begins12:20 pm Networking Lunch1:20 pm Program Resumes2:30 pm Program Concludes

Program Chair: Ivan Merrow, McCarthy Tétrault LLP





Live In-person Live Online



This program contains:

1h 30m of Substantive content
3h 00m of Professionalism content

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Reunite with your construction law colleagues at this year's Symposium - the can't-miss event where our expert faculty will share helpful advice and get you up to speed on the most complex and challenging topics for your practice, including:

- Drafting clear construction contracts and project agreements
- Navigating privilege, conflicts and ethical issues in complex, multi-arty project structures, such as joint ventures and public-private partnerships
- Project management, billing integrity and scope management for complex construction legal services delivery
- Professionalism essentials when working with external consultants and expert witnesses

Register now and get the insights you need to stay at the forefront of the construction and infrastructure law field. **BONUS:** your registration includes complimentary access to our on-demand <u>Accommodation and Beyond: Building Inclusion in the Legal Profession</u> (1h 00m of EDI Professionalism content), so you can complete your required professionalism and EDI CPD hours with a single registration.

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 pm Mastering Construction Contract and Project Agreement Drafting

Annik Forristal, McMillan LLP
Puneet Kohli. McCarthy Tétrault

- Strategies for enhancing the effectiveness of your negotiation and drafting skills
- How to ensure penalties and damages clauses are strictly enforceable
- Payment terms for contracts subject to Ontario's statutory prompt payment regime

12:20 pm Networking Lunch

1:20 pm Working with External Consultants and Expert Witnesses

Sandra Astolfo, WeirFoulds LLP

Katherine Furlan, Director, Investigations, Disputes & Claims, Deloitte Canada

Charlie Powell, Glaholt Bowles LLP

- When is the best time to retain an expert during a dispute
- Managing deliverable expectations and accurate budgeting
- Navigating timing impacts of the contract's dispute resolution procedure

2:20 pm Questions, Answers and Concluding Remarks

2:30 pm Program Concludes

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Live In-Person (includes meals)	\$272	\$121	\$410
Live Online	\$246	\$95	\$384

10:05 am Ethical Challenges in Multi-Party Disputes and Project Structures

Matthew Bernardo, Gowling WLG Alex Pletsch, Legal Counsel, Flatiron Dragados Catherine Gleason-Mercier, Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP

- Effectively managing solicitor-client privilege when multiple parties are involved in a project
- Key updates on common interest privilege in construction disputes and how to ensure it is not inadvertently waived
- Recent insights for dealing with joint retainer rules
- Best practices for complex conflict of interest issues related to construction consortiums

11:05 am Networking Break

11:20 am Professionalism Issues in Construction Legal Services Delivery

Laura Delemere, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP Jennifer Thompson, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

- Mastering time management strategies for strict construction project deadlines
- Cost forecasting and communicating alternative pricing models to clients

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