

## The Civil Trial – Views from the Bench

### *Civil Litigation*

**Date:** Thursday, October 23, 2025 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Location:** Live Online

**Program Chair:** Helen Richards, Bank of Canada



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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.

9:00 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>	10:30 am	<b>The Art of Examination</b>
9:05 am	<b>Opening and Closing Statements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jury vs. Non-Jury cases</li> <li>Preparation and pitfalls to avoid</li> <li>The use of visual aids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct Examination</li> <li>Cross-Examination</li> <li>Re-Examination</li> <li>Expert Witnesses</li> </ul>	
9:40 am	<b>Introducing Evidence at Trial</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the Rules to gather and present necessary and cogent evidence</li> <li>Issues of admissibility</li> <li>Preparation and organization</li> <li>Considerations for virtual hearings</li> </ul>	11:05 am	<b>Top 10 Trial Mistakes and How to Avoid Them</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to avoid the many pitfalls encountered by trial lawyers</li> </ul>
10:15 am	<b>Health Break</b>	11:40 am	<b>Anticipated Impact of the New Proposed Civil Rules</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the status of the Civil Rules Review and anticipated impact of changes on trials</li> </ul>
		12:00 pm	<b>Program Concludes</b>

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