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MONDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 2013

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EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: Monday, 25th November, 2013



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Professionalism Hours: 4.50

Substantive Hours: 2.50

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**Monday | 2nd December, 2013
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The 2013 iteration of our annual end of year program dedicated to the practice needs and challenges of female lawyers once again promises presentations by thought-provoking, high-achieving, experienced and innovative female practitioners. From litigation strategies to insights on career progression in small and mid-sized firms; from technology in the practice of law to performance evaluation and career advancement, attend to gain new perspectives, super-charge your career strategy, acquire best practices and network. In addition to the topical areas mentioned above, the single day program will also feature presentations and discussions on non-traditional career options, organizing your practice for service excellence and profit, and thoughts on going solo. The program is designed to assist female lawyers in the attainment and preservation of successful practices, thus ensuring their retention within the legal profession.

A Sampling of Issues to be Addressed:

- Litigation Strategies for the Female Lawyer
- Career Progression and The Small or Mid-Sized Firm Experience
- Technology and the Practice of Law
- Organizing Your Practice for Service Excellence & Profit

SPEAKERS:



Cynthia Verconich

Barrister and Solicitor, James Wilson Barristers

Cynthia Verconich was called to the Ontario Bar in 2007 after completing her Bachelor of Laws at the University of Victoria. Her practice focuses exclusively on insurance defence litigation, including coverage issues, personal injury, motor vehicle, transportation law, product liability and commercial law.



Kathryn Smithen

Barrister and Solicitor

Kathryn L. Smithen is licensed to practise law as a Barrister, Solicitor & Notary Public in the Province of Ontario. She operates a boutique law firm offering a broad range of legal services specific to family law. Kathy is a member in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Ontario Bar Association, and many more.



Sandra Zisckind

Barrister and Solicitor, Diamond & Diamond

Sandra Zisckind practices exclusively in the area of Plaintiff Personal Injury Litigation. Sandra received her Bachelor of Arts degree from York University where she specialized in Political Science. She subsequently obtained a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Western Ontario.



Joyce Weinman

Barrister and Solicitor, Weinman Arnold LLP

Joyce Weinman is one of the most experienced and well respected Toronto lawyers for dental professionals and patients alike. Joyce is also the editor and founder of JW Dental Legal News. She has over 20 years of experience assisting dentists, dental professionals and dental patients with legal and regulatory issues.



Jacquelyn Stevens

Associate, Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP

Jacquelyn's practice is focused on civil and regulatory litigation and aboriginal law dealing with environmental issues. Jacquelyn's civil litigation experience includes representing clients in environmental, corporate/commercial and administrative law cases.



Inga B. Andriessen

Barrister and Solicitor, Andriessen & Associates

Inga graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1991. Since her call to the Ontario Bar in 1993, Inga has practiced exclusively in the field of corporate/commercial litigation including leasing litigation, enforcement of international judgments and employment litigation on behalf of employers.



Paula Boutis

Barrister and Solicitor, Iler Campbell LLP

By the time Paula Boutis was sixteen, she had already developed a keen sense for environmental and social justice issues. At Iler Campbell, she has been able to continue the public interest aspects of her environmental legal work while expanding her practice to more broadly serve the not-for-profit sector and the co-operative movement.

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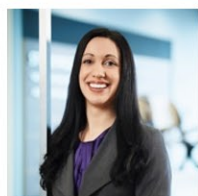
Kate Kempton
Partner, Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP

Kate Kempton is a partner with OKT. She practices Aboriginal rights and environmental law, representing First Nations in negotiations and civil litigation. She works with and advises Aboriginal clients in reassertion of inherent sovereignty, inherent governance and international law.



Susannah Roth
Barrister and Solicitor, O'Sullivan Estate Lawyers

Susannah Roth's practice has focussed on trusts and estates law since her call to the bar in 2002. Susannah has experience in estate planning, estate administration and estate litigation. O'Sullivan Estate Lawyers was named one of Canada's "Top 5 Trusts & Estates Law Boutiques" by Canadian Lawyer in 2012.



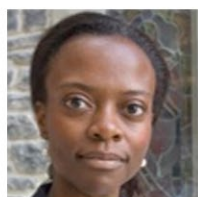
Andrea Gonsalves
Barrister and Solicitor, Stockwoods Barristers

Andrea's practice includes civil litigation, administrative law, constitutional and Charter litigation, select criminal matters, regulatory and professional discipline matters, and appeals and judicial review applications. Andrea is Adjunct Faculty at Osgoode Hall Law School where she teaches Administrative Law.



Johanna Braden
Partner, Stockwoods Barristers

Johanna's practice includes professional negligence cases, securities litigation, employment law, commercial disputes and health law. She has served as co-counsel in numerous large commercial trials. She has argued before all levels of Court in Ontario.



Sheryl Beckford
Barrister and Solicitor, A Place For Mediation

Sheryl Beckford has been a lawyer and mediator for over 10 years. She attended Osgoode Law School where she earned both her Bachelor of Laws and a Masters of Law (Constitutional law) and worked for many years as legal counsel with the Ontario government and has extensive public policy as well as legal knowledge and experience.



Krystal Manitius
Associate, Law Offices of S. Proudlove

Krystal attended the University of Ottawa and completed an Honors BSocSc in Criminology and Psychology in 2006, and went on to study Law at Osgoode Hall, receiving her JD in 2009. Krystal has been with the firm since her call to the bar in the summer of 2010.

SCHEDULE | MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2013 | TORONTO, ON

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Boots for Walking: Litigation Strategies for the Female Lawyer

- Andrea Gonsalves (9:00 AM - 9:40 AM)
- Johanna Braden (9:40 AM - 10:15 AM)

Relevance to Rules - Rule 2.01: Competence & 6.03 Responsibility to Lawyers and Others: For the barrister, effective and competent client representation necessarily includes courtroom and associated strategies. Concurrently, the barrister is responsible to lawyers and others, to act in good faith and avoid sharp practice.

10:15 AM - 10:25 AM - REFRESHMENT ADJOURNMENT

10:25 AM - 11:40 AM

Uptown Girl: Career Progression and The Small or Mid-Sized Firm Experience

- Paula Boutis (10:25 AM - 10:50 AM)
- Kate Kempton (10:50 AM - 11:15 AM)
- Susannah Roth (11:15 AM - 11:40 AM)

11:40 AM - 1:10 PM - LUNCH ADJOURNMENT

1:10 PM - 2:25 PM

The Stairwell: Navigating Performance Evaluation and Advancing Your Career

- Jacquelyn Stevens (1:10 PM - 1:50 PM)

Under Pressure: Strategies for Excelling in Practice and in Life

- Sandra Zisckind (1:50 PM - 2:25 PM)

Relevance to Rules - Rule 2.01: Competence: In recognition of the fact that the effective management of a law practice goes hand in hand with the effective management of the broad demands of life, this segment provides strategies for maintaining professional competence and mental wellness while fulfilling social and personal roles.

2:25 PM - 2:35 PM - REFRESHMENT ADJOURNMENT

2:35 PM - 3:50 PM

Innovate: Some Options for Rewarding Non-Traditional Careers

- Sheryl Beckford (2:35 PM - 3:10 PM)

Apples and Androids: Technology and the Practice of Law

- Krystal Manitiuis (3:10 PM - 3:50 PM)

Relevance to Rules - Rule 2.01(1)(e) & (k): Competence: For the modern lawyer, effective time management and professional adaptability must often go hand in hand, and excellent client service is often aided by technology.

3:50 PM - 4:00 PM - REFRESHMENT ADJOURNMENT

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

New Shingles: Practical Thoughts on Going Solo

- Kathryn Smithen (4:00 PM - 4:30 PM)
- Joyce Weinman (4:30 PM - 5:00 PM)

Relevance to Rules - Rule 3: The Practice of Law: From the requirement to make legal services available in an efficient manner to rules regarding marketing and partnering, there is much for a lawyer considering a solo launch to consider and implement.

You LLP: Organizing Your Practice for Service Excellence & Profit

- Inga B. Andriessen (5:00 PM - 5:30 PM)

Relevance to Rules - Rule 3: Rule 2.02: Quality of Service; Rule 2.04: Avoidance of Conflict of Interest & Rule 2.08: Reasonable Fees and Disbursements: Honesty and candour have a basis in ethics, and also constitute good business practice; avoidance of conflict of interest is professional sound, and it is also commercially advisable; fee structures and the handling of accounts are necessary for reasons of both practice management and profitability.

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(A) Attendance

General - \$425 + HST \$55.25 = \$480.25

Legal Aid & 0-2 Year New Call - \$375 + HST \$48.75 = \$423.75

(B) Webcast

General - \$375 + HST \$48.75 = \$423.75

Legal Aid & 0-2 Year New Call - \$325 + HST \$42.25 = \$367.25

REGULAR REGISTRATION [after Mon, 25 Nov 2013]

(A) Attendance

General - \$625 + HST \$81.25 = \$706.25

Legal Aid & 0-2 Year New Call - \$575 + HST \$74.75 = \$649.75

(B) Webcast

General - \$575 + HST \$74.75 = \$649.75

Legal Aid & 0-2 Year New Call - \$525 + HST \$68.25 = \$593.25

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