

Tips from the Bench for Trial Prep



CHAIR: **The Honourable Justice Brian Abrams**, *Superior Court of Justice*

April 19, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Total CPD Hours = 2 h + 30 m Substantive + 15 m Professionalism ^P
+ 15 m EDI Professionalism ^E**

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Donald Lamont Learning Centre
130 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON**

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Agenda

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Honourable Justice Brian Abrams,
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9:10 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

**Checking the Boxes & Doing Your Homework:
Rules & Standard Practices**

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Panelists: The Honourable Thomas McEwen,
McEwen Resolutions Inc.

Erin Pleet, *Ross Nasser LLP*

9:40 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. Understanding E-Trial Procedure Options (5 m ^P)

Alicja Puchta, *Torys LLP*

9:55 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Effective Opening & Closing Statements (10 m ^P)

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Panelists: Alicja Puchta, *Torys LLP*

Jim Vigmond, C.S., *Oatley Vigmond LLP*

10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Question and Answer Session

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Coffee and Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Judges' Take on The Art & Science of Witness Prep & Admission of Evidence (15 m ^E)

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Panelists: The Honourable Todd McCarthy,
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery,
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

Mariam Moktar, *Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP*

11:15 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Objections, Motions, Cost Submissions

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Panelists: Jonathan Kulathungam, *Teplitsky LLP*

Tina Lie, *Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP*

11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Question and Answer Session

12:00 p.m. Program Ends