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Fundamentals of Judicial Review 2020

DATE: Friday, May 22, 2020
TIME: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE: Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

Learn all you need to know to conduct a judicial review

Who should attend: Junior lawyers and lawyers new to the area of administrative law.

Learning level: Fundamental

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours (a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs
Laurel Courtenay — Ministry of the Attorney General, Legal Services Branch, Vancouver
Andrew D. Gay, QC — Gudmundseth Mickelson LLP, Vancouver

Whether you are a junior lawyer starting out or you have limited experience with judicial review, this is the course for you! We will take you through a judicial review application from beginning through drafting to presentation. Learn not only practical tips but also some of the theoretical underpinnings of judicial review from a team of leading practitioners in the field.

Early Bird (Regular price after April 24, 2020)
IN-PERSON: $619 ($679)
WEBINAR: $489 ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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Self-Governing Professions 2020

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2020
TIME: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE: Vancouver location TBA or attend via webinar

All you need to know!

Who should attend: Lawyers practicing in the area of professional regulation including those that act for professionals before their governing body and those acting on behalf of professional regulatory bodies. This course will also be of interest to registrars, members of registration, complaint, hearing, and discipline committees, investigation officers, and other staff members of self-governing bodies.

Learning level: Intermediate/Advanced

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours (a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs
Lisa C. Fong, QC — Ng Ariss Fong, Vancouver
Angela R. Westmacott, QC — Lovett Westmacott, Victoria

In matters regarding self-governing professions, the practices, procedures and rules are unique and frequently changing. Protecting the public interest and maintaining the profession’s integrity and credibility have to be balanced with the individual’s interest in his or her livelihood, reputation, and ability to practice effectively. Learn about the latest developments and the most critical and complex issues facing self-governing bodies.

Early Bird (Regular price after May 28, 2020)
IN-PERSON: $619 ($679)
WEBINAR: $489 ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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Shareholders’ Agreements 2020

DATE: Friday, May 1, 2020
TIME: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
VENUE: CLEBC Boardroom, 500 – 1155 West Pender Street, Vancouver or attend via webinar

Who should attend: Lawyers with 1 – 3 years’ experience in business law; experienced lawyers or in-house counsel who seek a refresher/primer on key considerations, wording and drafting tips for shareholders agreements.

Learning level: Fundamental

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 3.5 hours (a minimum of .5 hours will involve professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chair
Dayna M. Forsyth — IWI Law, Vancouver

This program will provide you with a solid foundation for drafting shareholders agreements. You will walk away with a Model Shareholders’ Agreement. Dayna Forsyth will walk you through the agreement clause by clause and guide you through wording, drafting tips, and provide practical advice on:

• standard form shareholders’ agreements
• key business and legal issues
• obligations to sell
• rights of first refusal
• transfer restrictions

Early Bird (Regular price after April 3, 2020)
IN-PERSON: $329 ($369)
WEBINAR: $299 ($329)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials.

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CLE-TV: Advanced Securities 2020 Series

**DATE** May 12, June 2, and June 23, 2020  
**TIME** 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
(each session - via webinar)

Review a year of securities law changes over lunch

Who should attend: Advanced securities law practitioners  
Learning level: Advanced

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours  
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs  
Fred R. Pletcher — Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Vancouver  
Leo Raffin — McMillan LLP, Vancouver

Securities practice doesn’t always leave much time for you to keep up with all the developments and transactions happening in the market. Because it’s hard to leave your desk for a whole day, we’ve split your annual conference into a three-part lunch series.

This will be your new efficient solution to learning about the year’s latest legal changes. Leading securities practitioners and regulators have curated only the most important big transactions, trends, and hot topics to discuss with you. As always, we look forward to sharing with you the ever-popular and valuable Case Law Update. You will leave this series confident and current.

Note: Registrants have complimentary access to any or all of the rebroadcasts of these courses in the same calendar year, giving you multiple opportunities to attend each course. Rebroadcast sessions will be set at a later date.

Join us to become financial statement proficient today!

**Early Bird** (Regular price after April 16, 2020)  
WEBINAR $489 ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials.

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Commercial Arbitration 2020: A Practical Guide

**DATE** Thursday, May 14, 2020  
**TIME** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
**VENUE** Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

Your roadmap to arbitration success!

Who should attend: Corporate-commercial litigators, in-house counsel, and corporate solicitors at all levels of experience.

Learning level: All levels

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours  
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chair  
Ludmila B. Herbst, QC — Farris LLP, Vancouver

Join experienced arbitration counsel and arbitrators for practice tips and discussion of the hot topics that arise when (1) deciding whether to arbitrate, (2) structuring and implementing arbitration agreements, (3) challenging or defending arbitral awards, and (4) dealing with issues such as confidentiality and costs. This course will provide the latest insights into the law and practice associated with this important, though sometimes daunting, form of dispute resolution.

**Early Bird** (Regular price after April 16, 2020)  
IN-PERSON* $619 ($679)  
WEBINAR $489 ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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Use of Financial Statements for Legal Professionals 2020

**DATE** Thursday, May 28, 2020  
**TIME** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
**VENUE** Vancouver location TBA or attend via webinar

Everything you need to know about financial statements in a legal environment

Who should attend: Corporate/commercial lawyers and business litigators new to this area and from all Canadian jurisdictions; this course is also of interest to legal staff who deal with financial statements and family law practitioners

Learning level: Fundamental

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours  
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs  
Andrew Mackenzie, CPA, CA, CBV — Blair Mackay Mynett Valuations Inc., Vancouver  
Lucas Terpkosh, CPA, CA, CBV, CFF — Blair Mackay Mynett Valuations Inc., Vancouver

Being able to understand and use financial statements is a critical skill to have in order to give effective advice to your business or family law clients. At this workshop, Chartered Professional Accountants experienced in working with lawyers will teach you basic accounting concepts along with what financial statements reveal about a company’s performance and viability.

You will also learn what financial statements do not tell you. You will increase confidence in your ability to review financial statements, explain them to your clients, and use them to benefit your negotiations or case. Popular and well-loved, this course is as a past attendee said “one of the most effective CLEs that I have attended.”

**Early Bird** (Regular price after April 30, 2020)  
IN-PERSON* $619 ($679)  
WEBINAR $489 ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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CONSTRUCTION LAW

Construction Law 2020

DATE Tuesday, May 19, 2020
TIME 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE Vancouver Location TBA or attend via webinar

Practical, grounded takeaways to better serve your clients

Who should attend: Lawyers who advise clients in all areas of construction law.

Learning level: Intermediate/Advanced

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs
John S. Logan — Jenkins Marzban Logan LLP, Vancouver
Douglas R. Sanders — Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Vancouver

At your update on construction law this year, solicitors and litigators team up to tell you how to try to avoid problems at the outset and how to deal with problems if they arise. You will take away practical, grounded information and insight to help you provide better service to your clients.

Early Bird *(Regular price after April 21, 2020)*

IN-PERSON* $619 ($679)
WEBINAR $489 ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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EXPANDING OUR VISION: CULTURAL EQUALITY AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

On January 15 2020, the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal (BCHRT) released a report addressing serious access to justice concerns for Indigenous people bringing human rights complaints to the tribunal. The report, entitled Expanding our Vision: Cultural Equality and Indigenous Peoples’ Human Rights, makes far-reaching recommendations that, according to Human Rights Tribunal Chair, Diana Juricevic, could transform human rights in this province.

Report author, and long-serving CLEBC contributor, Ardith Walpetko We’dalx Walkem, QC surveyed over 100 Indigenous people about their experiences with discrimination and the Human Rights Tribunal. Overwhelmingly those interviewed reported pervasive levels of discrimination. Many Indigenous people had no idea that the Human Rights Tribunal existed, or how to access it. Many said that their experiences of racism as Indigenous people were so widespread that they did not believe it would make any difference to file a complaint with the Human Rights Tribunal.

Expanding our Vision makes nine recommendations. Removing barriers to access to the Human Rights Tribunal is not enough. Structural change is needed to incorporate Indigenous definitions of human rights according to Indigenous laws. The main recommendations broaden the concept of human rights, including adding Indigenous Identity to the BC Human Rights Code as a ground of discrimination and incorporating Indigenous legal traditions and international human rights principles as reflected in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which BC has recently committed to implementing through legislation.

CLEBC attended and filmed the press conference and conducted interviews with Louise Mandell and Amber Prince. The full report and video clips can be viewed here: www.cle.bc.ca/bchrt
Advanced Family Mediation - Dealing with Difficult Issues in Family Mediation

COURSE FULL – Contact Customer Service to be added to the waitlist

**Advanced Family Mediation**

**DATE** Thrusday and Friday, April 23 and 24, 2020

**TIME** 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (both days)

**VENUE** CLEBC Boardroom, 500 - 1155 West Pender Street, Vancouver

Who should attend: *All those wishing to enhance their mediation skills and understanding. This course is essential for new family mediators.*

**Learning level:** Advanced

**Law Society of BC CPD Hours:** 16 hours (including a minimum of 2 hours pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management.)

**Course Chairs**
Carol W. Hickman, QC — Virgin Hickman, Vancouver Arlene H. Henry, QC – Arlene H. Henry Law Corporation, Vancouver

The fourth and final course in CLEBC’s Family Law Mediation curriculum, this course will focus on issues such as bias and impartiality, ethical issues in mediation, high conflict personalities, culture, co-mediation, and multi-party disputes. For those wishing to become Family Law Mediators under the Family Law Act, this is the final course in our 80-hour curriculum.

This course will count for **16 hours of mediation training** and will include exercises and role plays in mediation settings.

**Early Bird** (Regular price after March 26, 2020)

- **IN-PERSON** $1,139 ($1,269)

Registration includes a hard copy of the workshop materials. These materials will NOT be distributed electronically. Lunch is not included.

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**Family Violence Screening Training for Litigators and DR Professionals**

**DATE** Thursday and Friday, May 28 and 29, 2020

**TIME** 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (both days)

**VENUE** CLEBC Boardroom, 500 - 1155 West Pender Street, Vancouver

**Practices to help you effectively identify family violence**

Who should attend: *“Family Law Dispute Resolution Professionals” as defined by the Family Law Act, including: family justice counselors, mediators, arbitrators, parenting coordinators, and family lawyers.*

**Learning level:** All levels

**Law Society of BC CPD Hours:** 14 hours (including a minimum of 2 hours involving aspects of professional responsibility and ethics, client care, and relations, and/or practice management)

**Course Chairs**
Carol W. Hickman, QC — Virgin Hickman, Vancouver Arlene H. Henry, QC – Arlene H. Henry Law Corporation, Vancouver

For many, ending an intimate partnership is a time of danger. “Family violence” is defined under the BC Family Law Act ("FLA") to include all elements of physical and emotional violence and abuse. Research shows that family law professionals often fail to ask questions needed to properly assess risk, and may also fail to recommend the most appropriate dispute resolution processes for their clients. This highly interactive two-day workshop is the only in-person, comprehensive family violence training available in BC. Featuring real case studies, personal stories, role-playing, coaching, and review of current literature, research, and statistics, this is a must-attend event for family dispute resolution professionals looking to meet their training requirements under the FLA.

**Early Bird** (Regular price after April 30, 2020)

- **IN-PERSON** $1,139 ($1,269)

Mediate BC Roster mediators will receive 20% off the full regular course registration fee. Call Customer Service at 604.893.2121 to register.

Registration includes a copy of the course materials. Lunch is not included.

[cle.bc.ca/1703](https://cle.bc.ca/1703)
Family Law Basics 2020

DATE       Monday and Tuesday,  
            June 15 and 16, 2020  
TIME       9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE      Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place,  
            Vancouver or attend via webinar

Get your practice off to a great start!

Who should attend: Articled students, lawyers in the first five years of practice, and lawyers changing practice areas or who need a refresher

Learning level: Fundamental

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 12 hours  
(a minimum of 2 hours pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations,  
and/or practice management)

Course Chair
Todd R. Bell — Schuman Basran Robin & Bell,  
Vancouver

Join our experienced faculty and learn the practical aspects of running a family law file,  
from interviewing the client to case management to litigation techniques. Attendees will receive tips and advice that put theory into practice and learn how to develop a practice in this area.

Early Bird  (Regular price after May 18, 2020)

$$ IN-PERSON* $1,129  ($1,239)
WEBINAR $889  ($989)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included on both days.

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FAMILY LAW

Advanced Family Law for Paralegals

DATE       Friday, May 8, 2020  
TIME       9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE      Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place,  
            Vancouver or attend via webinar

Your comprehensive guide to excelling in a busy family law practice

Who should attend: Family law paralegals and support staff with a minimum of three years practicing in family law. This course may also be of interest to junior family law lawyers or lawyers transitioning to a family practice.

Learning level: Intermediate/Advanced

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours  
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations,  
and/or practice management)

Course Chairs
Jeffrey A. Rose, QC — Jeffrey A. Rose, QC, Vancouver  
Chantal M. Cattermole — Clark Wilson LLP,  
Vancouver

Don’t miss this jam-packed day that’s sure to provide you with everything you need to excel as an essential and indispensable team member in your family law practice! This course is designed for those who have worked in the family law area for at least three years. You will hear from experienced practitioners, members of the judiciary, and a Registered Clinical Counsellor.

Topics will include preparing affidavits, the new Divorce Act, social media as evidence, working with difficult clients and lawyers, the new Provincial Court Rules, a perspective on effective trial preparation from a retired Supreme Court of BC Justice, and scott schedules (including excluded property and F8’s). For those attending in person, the networking lunch will be a great opportunity to talk to your peers and our distinguished speakers and get insight on issues you may be struggling with.

Early Bird  (Regular price after April 10, 2020)

$$ IN-PERSON* $479  ($529)
WEBINAR $369  ($409)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.
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LITIGATION

Affidavit Basics 2020

DATE  Thursday, April 2, 2020
TIME  9:00 am – 12:00 pm
VENUE  Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

The essentials of working with the most common form of evidence!

Who should attend: Junior litigators, paralegals, and legal support staff

Learning level: Fundamental

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 3 hours
(a minimum of .5 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs
Andrew P. Morrison — Shields Harney, Vancouver
John Douglas Shields — Shields Harney, Vancouver

Affidavits are the most important and most common form of evidence that a litigator will ever encounter or use. In this intensive half-day program, expert litigators will take registrants through the fundamentals of affidavit drafting from receiving and organizing the affiant’s information to drafting the narrative with clarity and concision. With this course, you will understand and be able to apply the fundamental building blocks of effective affidavit drafting. Don’t miss this opportunity to master the fundamentals of this critical skill set for counsel and senior support staff.

Early Bird  (Regular price after March 5, 2020)

IN-PERSON $329 ($369)
WEBINAR $299 ($329)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials.

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Affidavit Secrets 2020

DATE  Thursday, April 2, 2020
TIME  1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
VENUE  Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

Uncommon knowledge about effectively managing the most common form of evidence!

Who should attend: Junior to intermediate litigators and paralegals

Learning level: Fundamental/Intermediate

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 3 hours
(a minimum of .5 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs
Andrew P. Morrison — Shields Harney, Vancouver
John Douglas Shields — Shields Harney, Vancouver

Affidavits are the most important and most common form of evidence that a litigator will ever encounter or use. In this intensive half-day program, expert litigators will take registrants through how not to draft an affidavit; how to dissect an affidavit from the other side; how to tell one’s client’s story as governed by law, practice, ethics and the rules of evidence; and how to avoid common mistakes. While one often learns best by making mistakes, here you can avoid embarrassment and potentially an award of costs, letting experienced counsel and an experienced Justice of the Supreme Court of BC take you through prime examples of improper affidavits, teaching you, in the process, exactly what not to do. Do not miss this unique opportunity to learn how to master this essential skill set under the guidance of experienced counsel and Members of the Supreme Court of BC.

Early Bird  (Regular price after March 5, 2020)

IN-PERSON $329 ($369)
WEBINAR $299 ($329)

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Register for both Affidavit Basics 2020 and Affidavit Secrets 2020 and SAVE!

Early Bird  (Regular price after March 5, 2020)

IN-PERSON $549 ($609)
WEBINAR $489 ($549)

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Why wait until the end of the year to complete your CPD requirements?

Summer is coming, and whether you’ll be in the office or on vacation, things are generally slower at this time of year. Take advantage of the lazy days of summer by completing your CPD requirements and learning at a more leisurely pace. We will be rebroadcasting webinars of some our most popular recent courses over a two-week period. Interact in real-time from the convenience of your home or office.
Friday July 24

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Wealth Preservation and Succession for the Family Enterprise 2020
Commercial Arbitration 2020: A Practical Guide

SHORT PROGRAMS
CLE-TV: Dealing with Vicarious Trauma in Your Practice 2020

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Damages 2020
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CLE-TV: Data Based Decision Making in Litigation 2020
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Personal Injury for Paralegals, Legal Support Staff and Junior Lawyers 2020
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FULL-DAY COURSES
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Self-Governing Professions 2020

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📅 July 17 to July 30, 2020

For complete course information, including pricing and CPD hours, please visit cle.bc.ca/summer2020

LSBC CPD Hours

Two-Day Course
12 hours of CPD, 2 hours of which involve professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management.

One-Day Course
6 hours of CPD, 1 hour of which involve professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management.

CLE-TV and Short Programs
Please see each individual course for CPD hours and whether such CPD hours involve professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management.

Course Materials
Course materials will consist of the original set of materials for each respective course. Course materials are available in electronic form only.

For more details and pricing visit cle.bc.ca/summer2020
CLEBC SPONSORS BRITISH COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOLS COMPETITIVE MOOT

CLEBC is delighted to have recently sponsored the British Columbia Law Schools Competitive Moot, a competition among teams from UVic Law, UBC Allard Law, and TRU Law. This is the first year of a three-year sponsorship for each school which will provide $3,000 per year to support the travel for the moot teams.

CLEBC’s CEO, Linda Russell, attended the competition at the Kamloops Courthouse on February 8, 2020, and was extremely impressed with the caliber of the presentations. She commented that “Each of the mooters did an extraordinary job in presenting their arguments before nine currently sitting Supreme Court and Court of Appeal justices and fielding and responding to difficult questions in a very polished and professional manner. CLEBC is excited about furthering our support of the law schools and the law students through our sponsorship of the BC Law Schools Competitive Moot, which teaches the students critical advocacy skills that they will use in practice.”

At the reception, Linda congratulated the students, shared information about CLEBC’s sponsorship, and told the students that CLEBC would be honoured to have them speak at future CLEBC courses. The scores for the three teams were very close, but ultimately UVic Law’s moot team was declared the winner.

Congratulations to all the students who competed, the coaches and administrators who supported them, and the judges who volunteered their time to give the students this invaluable experience.

For complete information, follow the web links beside this symbol.

CLEBC SPONSORS BRITISH COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOLS COMPETITIVE MOOT

The Winning Team from UVic (Back Row, Left to Right: Jordan Sperling, Brock Euper, Andrew Denhoff; Front Row, Left to Right: Afifa Hashimi, Linda Russell (CLEBC). Jeeti Bhupal - not pictured)

Intellectual Property for Litigators 2020

DATE Monday, April 6, 2020
TIME 9:00 am – 4:15 pm
VENUE Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

The IP essentials that every litigator should know!

Who should attend: Lawyers who seek a comprehensive introduction to IP including corporate counsel, corporate solicitors, and civil litigators. This course will also be of interest to litigation counsel seeking an update on current issues and strategies in IP litigation.

Learning level: All

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chair
Christopher S. Wilson — Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP, Vancouver

Different forms of intellectual property dictate different strategies for litigation. When an IP issue arises, will you be prepared to give your clients the litigation advice they need?

At this course, you will gain a solid grounding that will permit you to evaluate, advise on, and manage an IP claim. You will learn the essential characteristics of the different classes of IP and their implications for litigation. You will come away from this course with appropriate litigation strategies to protect your client’s IP interest and to avoid pitfalls in managing these IP files.

Early Bird (Regular price after March 9, 2020)

IN-PERSON $619 ($679)
WEBINAR $489 ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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Defamation, Privacy and Media Law 2020

DATE       Wednesday, April 8, 2020
TIME        9:00 am – 4:15 pm
VENUE       Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

We are all digital citizens now!

Who should attend: Civil litigators and media industry personnel
Learning level: All
Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chair
Daniel W. Burnett, QC — Owen Bird Law Corporation, Vancouver

Defamation law, media law, and the law surrounding privacy continue to evolve and morph in the face of rapid technological change, the growth of the internet, and the boom in global communications. The fundamental issues remain the same but there are also many new twists engendered by new technology and its operation within larger social trends. The reality for everyone is that our digital identities are becoming ever more important.

This comprehensive one day course will review a range of individual, corporate, and media issues in defamation, privacy, and media law as well as exploring practical practice matters facing counsel. This year’s program will feature leading counsel on key issues in this important and expanding niche of contemporary practice.

Early Bird (Regular price after March 11, 2020)

👩‍💻 IN-PERSON* $619 ($679)
👩‍💻 WEBINAR $489 ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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Innovative Trial and Hearing Procedures 2020

DATE       Friday, April 17, 2020
TIME        9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE       Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

Litigation: from innovation to efficiency

Who should attend: Civil litigators
Learning level: Intermediate
Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs
D. Geoffrey Cowper, QC — Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Vancouver
Reidar M. Mogerman, QC — Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP, Vancouver

This course is aimed at implementing available innovative procedures to improve the conduct of trials and other hearings to achieve more timely, cost-effective, and high quality results for clients.

You will hear the results of recent experiences from near and far with different procedures and be equipped to choose from a menu of choices to best suit your particular client’s needs. You will also hear how to negotiate new ground rules for a case and how to consider what will be ordered by the court.

We will focus on the building blocks of any trial: the pre-trial phase and especially document review, production and proof; the presentation of evidence, the obtaining and proof of expert opinion, and the presentation of submissions.

By the end of the course you will better understand the pros and cons of written evidence in chief, depositions, agreed facts, hard time limits, and how to use recent technologies in coordination with effective procedures to go faster and cost less.

This will address matters big and small—but above all, be prepared to re-think how you manage your litigation files!

Early Bird (Regular price after March 20, 2020)

👩‍💻 IN-PERSON* $479 ($679)
👩‍💻 WEBINAR $349 ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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Damages 2020

DATE  Thursday, April 30, 2020
TIME  9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE  Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

What good is a right without the right remedy? Your essential primer on the law of damages!

Who should attend: All civil litigators including counsel who handle personal injury, general tort, and commercial claims

Learning level: Fundamental/Intermediate

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chair
Mark V.C. Virgin — Virgin Hickman, Vancouver

When a right has been found to have been infringed and causation has been established—the question turns to that of remedies: the law of damages.

The law of damages is a complex subject, combining overarching principles with specific elements relating to the nature and type of loss sustained and expectations on how to balance the interests of the parties against the backdrop of the expectations of commerce and society.

This comprehensive one day course will review first principles, current trends and then examine specific areas within the law of damages where there are noteworthy elements.

Early Bird  (Regular price after April 2, 2020)
-INFRINGEMENT *$619 ( $679)
WEBINAR $489  ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

CLE BC CA/1708

Advanced Civil Litigation for Paralegals

DATE  Wednesday, June 17, 2020
TIME  9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE  Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

The information and skills you need to excel in the ever changing and challenging world of litigation!

Who should attend: Experienced paralegals, legal assistants, experienced legal secretaries; lawyers new to this practice area, and those who want to increase their level of sophistication in the practical aspects of civil litigation are encouraged to attend

Learning level: Advanced

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs
Russell J. Bailey — Guild Yule LLP, Vancouver
Andrea R. Abbinate — Designated Paralegal, Virgin Hickman, Vancouver

This advanced practice refresher is designed for paralegals, legal assistants, and legal secretaries with a minimum of three years’ experience in civil litigation. Designed for those wishing to step up their level of knowledge and expertise, you will learn how to effectively identify issues and manage files in a way that will increase your productivity and ultimately improve the service you provide to your client. Experienced litigators, senior paralegals, and the judiciary will give you a practical update on some of the most recent developments in civil litigation.

This course is a wonderful educational and networking opportunity for members of civil litigation practice teams!

Early Bird  (Regular price after May 20, 2020)
INFRINGEMENT *$479  ($529)
WEBINAR $369  ($409)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

CLE BC CA/1738

21st Annual Winning Advocacy Skills Workshop

DATE  Thursday to Saturday, June 25 to 27, 2020
TIME  8:30 am – 4:30 pm (all days)
VENUE  Vancouver location to TBA

You. On your feet. In front of real judges.

Who should attend: Civil and criminal litigators at all levels with some courtroom experience who want to enhance their courtroom skills and confidences

Learning level: Intermediate

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 22.5 hours
(a minimum of 3 hours will involve aspects of professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs
The Honourable Madam Justice Catherine A. Murray — Supreme Court of BC, Vancouver
Andrew I. Nathanson — Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Vancouver

Have you ever wanted to receive honest, personalized feedback from senior counsel and judges to take your advocacy skills to the next level?

Unlike any other course offered at CLEBC, senior colleagues of the bench and the bar will provide you with the ultimate mentoring experience by helping you elevate your advocacy skills in a relaxed, safe environment in this three-day workshop. Within a practical and hands-on framework, refine your skills and learn how to influence the people that matter at trial with this rare chance to experiment and make mistakes without cost to your client or reputation.

Past participants say:
“Fantastic. I was very impressed with both the amount of time senior members of the bar and bench dedicated to the course and to providing individual attention and constructive feedback. I improved and developed my skills and I left feeling far more confident about my abilities as a litigator.”

“Excellent! As a ‘hands on learner,’ I take away so much from doing and seeing rather than just listening. This was the perfect environment to experiment and try new things.”

“There are things you’ll learn in this course that even 10 years of trial experience won’t give you.”

Early Bird  (Regular price after May 28, 2020)
INFRINGEMENT *$1,539  ($1,709)

Registration includes a print and electronic copy of the workshop materials as well as a copy of the highly valued CLEBC book, Civil Trial Handbook — 5th Edition for FREE! *Lunch is included (all days).

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Personal Injury for Paralegals, Legal Support Staff, and Junior Lawyers 2020

**DATES** Thursday, June 11, 2020  
**TIME** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
**VENUE** Vancouver location TBA or attend via webinar

The practical essentials of personal injury practice!

Who should attend: Paralegals, legal support staff, and junior lawyers

Learning level: Fundamental

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours  
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs  
Priscilla Cicek — Vice President, Business Development, Synoptic Medical Assessments, Vancouver  
Hardip D.S. Samra — Paralegal, Virgin Hickman, Vancouver

Are you learning the ropes of handling a personal injury file? Are you familiar with process and preparation of chambers applications on a personal injury file? Are there gaps in your understanding on building value?

Back by popular demand, this course will take you through some common chambers’ applications, processes, and legal issues common to most personal injury files. You will learn more about legal issues and best practices of piecing your evidence together and best practices for management of your claim, including best practices for scheduling IMEs, expert selection, functional capacity evaluations, cost of future care considerations including a discussion on concussions/brain injury.

**Early Bird** (Regular price after May 14, 2020)  
- IN-PERSON $479 ($529)  
- WEBINAR $369 ($409)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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Personal Injury Conference 2020

**DATES** Friday, June 12, 2020  
**TIME** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
**VENUE** Vancouver location TBA or attend via webinar

The must-attend event of the year for personal injury litigators!

Who should attend: Personal injury litigators, both plaintiff and defence; paralegals who have conduct of personal injury files will also find this program valuable

Learning level: All levels

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours  
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chairs  
Karen E. Jamieson — Murray Jamieson, Vancouver  
James D. Vilvang, QC — Richards Buell Sutton LLP, Vancouver

This conference is CLEBC’s comprehensive annual program on personal injury practice for all personal injury litigators, junior and experienced, plaintiff bar and defence bar. As in past years, the program will cover an eclectic mix of established and current topics ranging across a broad spectrum: the center-piece case law update, personal injury practice and procedure, expert evidence, medical evidence, advocacy, professionalism and ethics, and law practice management.

The goal of the conference is to provide members of the personal injury bar with current practical and practice-related information on important topics and coming from highly experienced members of the Bench and Bar.

**Early Bird** (Regular price after May 15, 2020)  
- IN-PERSON $619 ($679)  
- WEBINAR $489 ($549)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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CLE-TV: Succession Planning Strategies: Selling/Buying a Law Practice 101

**DATE** Wednesday, May 27, 2020  
**TIME** 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (via webinar)

Be prepared to pass on the torch

Who should attend: Lawyers who are considering retiring in the next 5 years, lawyers and/or law firms that may be interested in selling their practice, lawyers and/or law firms that may be interested in buying a law practice.

Learning level: All Levels

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 1.5 hours  
(a minimum of 1.5 hours pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chair  
Heather Gray-Grant — Business Strategist, Marketing Planner and Certified Executive Coach, Vancouver

We are on the cusp of the largest lawyer retirement and as a consequence, the largest law firm succession period in BC’s history. For those succession planning strategies that include selling a law firm – and for lawyers who might be interested in buying a law firm and want to know more about the process - this program will provide general information on:

- retirement options for law firm owners  
- understanding what a firm is worth financially  
- how to prepare a law firm for sale  
- how to market your practice  
- basic elements in a negotiated deal  
- options around transition strategies, and  
- next steps: how to prepare for life after the sale.

**Early Bird** (Regular price after May 20, 2020)  
- WEBINAR $129 ($149)

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**Early Bird** (Regular price after May 14, 2020)  
- IN-PERSON $989 ($1,098)  
- WEBINAR $772 ($869)  
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Real Estate Fundamentals 2020

DATES Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7, 2020
TIME 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (both days)
VENUE Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

Bedrock for your real estate practice

Who should attend: Junior to intermediate real estate lawyers, general practitioners, and lawyers with an interest in real estate law. This course may also be of interest to notaries public.

Learning level: Fundamental

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 12 hours
(a minimum of 2 hours pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chair
Sergio C. Custodio — Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Vancouver
Rachel V. Hutton — Stikeman Elliott LLP, Vancouver

Here is your one-stop shop for a comprehensive overview of the fundamentals of real estate practice in BC! Referencing CLEBC’s British Columbia Real Estate Practice Manual, the expert faculty will take you through the essential issues and show you how to build a strong foundation in real estate law. This course will provide a thorough review of statutes, drafting a purchase contract, tax issues, due diligence, closing procedures, undertakings, and what to do when things go wrong. You will take away tips and advice to turn theory into practice and pull it all together with success.

Early Bird (Regular price after March 9, 2020)

IN-PERSON $1,129 ($1,239)
WEBINAR $889 ($989)

Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included both days.

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Conveyancing Basics for Legal Support Staff 2020

DATE Friday, June 5, 2020
TIME 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE Vancouver location TBA or attend via webinar

Your essential guide to completing conveyancing tasks with confidence

Who should attend: Legal support staff working in a real estate practice; this course may also be of interest to junior lawyers, junior paralegals, and other conveyancing professionals who are new to this practice area

Learning level: Fundamental

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chair
Dick H.K. Chan — Spagnuolo & Company Real Estate Lawyers, Coquitlam

The conveyancing process involves so many details that it can be overwhelming to keep track of all the tasks you need to complete. This course will walk you through a residential conveyance and explain to you practice points to ensure that the process goes as smoothly as possible. You will be provided with all the documents used in a typical conveyance as well as invaluable checklists, sample forms, and practical demonstrations. A diverse and experienced faculty of lawyers, senior conveyancers, and government representatives will guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have. You will increase confidence and speed in your ability to perform conveyancing tasks.

Early Bird (Regular price after May 8, 2020)

IN-PERSON $479 ($529)
WEBINAR $369 ($409)

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In the Spotlight... Suzanne Williams

This month’s spotlight is on our long-time contributor Suzanne Williams of Brown Henderson Melbye. Suzanne chairs CLEBC’s Access to Justice for Children Conference on March 6, 2020.

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How did you first get involved with CLEBC?

Ron Friesen (formerly of CLEBC) attended an international experts’ session in the early 2000s for Meaningful Child Participation in Family Justice Processes, an initiative I led with the International Institute for Child Rights and Development (IICRD) concerning the gap between the law that says children’s views will be heard in decisions that affect them and what actually happens in practice. One of the recommended actions to bridge the gap between law and practice was training justice professionals working with children and this led to the launch of the CLEBC – IICRD Meaningful Child Participation in Family Justice Processes program in 2007, followed the Hear the Child program and interview trainings, and more recently the CLEBC Access to Justice for Children Conferences.

What are you currently working on (or have most recently worked on) with CLEBC?

The third Access to Justice for Children Conference on March 6, 2020 in Vancouver. The focus this time is on helping participants better implement the best interests of the child in their practices with special consideration of children’s healthy development, non-discrimination, and child participation. I am honoured to co-chair this Conference for the third time with the Honourable Justice Donna J. Martinson, QC (retired), and the first time with Halie Kwanxwa’loga Bruce, Cedar and Sage Law. We also have the expertise and dedication of CLEBC Program Lawyer Teresa Sheward who has been involved with all of the Children’s CLEBC programs I have chaired over the years.

How did you decide to practice in family law?

I decided to move away from international work due to family responsibilities, and wanted to draw on as much of my career experience as possible: traditional legal practice including civil and commercial litigation, and aboriginal and administrative law as well as child rights and development expertise. Family law offers this, along with meaningful work and a terrific group of colleagues at Brown Henderson Melbye who all focus solely on family law.

You have been involved in numerous initiatives that have centred around advancing the rights and well-being of children. What inspired you to focus in this area?

I’m not entirely sure but I initially volunteered with UNICEF in the 1990’s because I was drawn to international human rights, and was a political assistant for the federal Minister of Health and Welfare in Ottawa in 1989 when he had the then new UN Convention on the Rights of the Child file. Since then, I have been fortunate to hear from and work with young people from many countries and backgrounds and every time my belief that young people have valuable words to share and contributions to make to better not just them, but all of us, is affirmed. How can one not be inspired?!

What has been the most rewarding part of your career?

That sounds so final. I think the most rewarding thing is the wide variety of experiences I have had, across legal domains, geography, work environments, clients, colleagues and scope.

You will soon be introducing the low bono/pro bono collaborative law initiative to Victoria. Can you tell us more about that?

I am helping the Association of Collaborative Family Separation Professionals build on and adapt the collaborative family law model the BC Collaborative Roster Society developed in Vancouver so it can be adapted and offered to families in Victoria. It is very important work given that collaborative law is one of the consensual dispute resolution options that people can be referred to under the BC Provincial Court Early Resolution program being piloted for family law cases in Victoria, and is one of the few dispute resolution options that prioritizes the best interests of the child with support from a child specialist.

Other than law, what are you passionate about?

At this stage of life my family is the main passion outside work, young and old, furry and not so furry, along with music of all sorts and current affairs.
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**Making Meetings Work 2020**

**DATES**
Wednesday, April 8, 2020

**TIME**
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**VENUE**
CLEBC Boardroom,
500 – 1155 West Pender Street,
Vancouver or attend via webinar

**Limited enrolment. Register early to avoid disappointment!**

**Who should attend:** Those who support board, council, and committee meetings including government officials and administrators, those who: prepare agendas for open and closed meetings, prepare scripts for chairs, prepare motions and resolutions, take minutes, or those looking to improve productivity at meetings that they organize or simply attend

**Learning level:** All levels

**Law Society of BC CPD Hours:** 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

**Course Chair**
Lisa M. Zwarn (Curry), PRP — Surrey

This workshop will provide administrative staff with techniques on how to support meetings effectively and to manage the meeting process in a systematic and thorough fashion. By working through a meeting from start to finish, you will learn the foundations of what makes a meeting successful before, during, and after the meeting. As a result, you will be able to identify how your meetings can be improved and how the group can make better decisions.

**After this workshop you will:**
- have a practical understanding of rules of order and how they should be applied
- gain tools to facilitate group decision-making in a democratic and efficient manner
- expand your focus from the technical rules to what they are supposed to achieve
- be better able to advise your clients on resolving procedural disputes

**Early Bird** (Regular price after March 10, 2020)

**IN-PERSON** $629 ($699)


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**Register for both Making Meetings Work and Robert’s Rules of Order – Demystified, on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 and SAVE!**

**Early Bird** (Regular price after March 10, 2020)

**IN-PERSON** $1,129 ($1,249)

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**Robert’s Rules of Order – Demystified**

**DATES**
Tuesday, April 7, 2020

**TIME**
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**VENUE**
Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver

**Limited enrolment. Register early to avoid disappointment!**

**Who should attend:** Anyone wishing to gain a better understanding of meeting procedures and anyone who sits on a board or committee

**Learning level:** All levels

**Law Society of BC CPD Hours:** 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

**Course Chair**
Eli Mina, MS, PRP — Vancouver

We will discuss the application of parliamentary procedure and Robert’s Rules of Order in meetings. You will gain an understanding of rules and the principles that they are intended to uphold. As a result of this workshop, you will be better able to advise your clients on the correct and practical application of rules in meetings, to facilitate progress and effective decision-making.

After this workshop you will:
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- expand your focus from the technical rules to what they are supposed to achieve
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**IN-PERSON** $629 ($699)


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SKILLS

The Powerful Performance: Effective Advocacy Skills for Lawyers

DATES  Thursday, May 25, 2020
TIME      9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE   CLEBC Boardroom, 500 – 1155 West Pender Street, Vancouver

A practical workshop to perfect your persuasiveness

Who should attend: All lawyers who want to increase their effectiveness: from those newly called who want to improve their confidence and self-possession to seasoned practitioners who want to enhance their skill set.

Learning level: All levels

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours. If you attend the course plus the optional lunch session, you will obtain a minimum of 1 hour of professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management for a total of 7 CPD hours.

Course Chair
Kerry Sandomirsky — Touchstone Theater, Vancouver

Designed to teach lawyers how to be more natural, believable, and self-possessed as well as to implement simple, concrete techniques that will maximize your performance at trial, in mediation, at arbitration, and in any legal argument. These skills will enable you to take your case beyond the traditional approach to trial advocacy and give you the critical persuasive edge.

You will learn by doing as each participant will be given the opportunity to make a presentation and receive one-on-one feedback and helpful techniques for improving. By the end of the session, you will possess the skills to make you a better lawyer—a lawyer who will win more arguments by making a positive connection with clients, jurors, and judges!

Early Bird (Regular price after April 27, 2020)
IN-PERSON* $699 ($769)

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WILLS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS

Estate Planning for Blended Families 2020

DATES         Thursday, April 16, 2020
TIME          9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE         Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

Who should attend: Lawyers practicing in the area of wills, estates and trusts. This course may also be of interest to lawyers practicing in the area of family law.

Learning level: Intermediate/Advanced

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chair
Anna Laing — Farris LLP, Vancouver

Blended families are increasingly the norm and have very unique planning aims and requirements. There are a variety of tools available to lawyers to assist in planning for these families.

This course will look at the available tools, the risks involved in the use of each one, and the considerations involved with choosing the appropriate tools for your clients.

Early Bird (Regular price after March 19, 2020)

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Registration includes an electronic copy of the reference materials. *Lunch is included.

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Wealth Preservation and Succession for the Family Enterprise 2020

DATES         Friday, May 15, 2020
TIME          9:00 am – 4:00 pm
VENUE         Pan Pacific Hotel, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver or attend via webinar

Estate planning and beyond

Who should attend: Lawyers practicing in the areas of wealth preservation, wills, estates, trusts, succession, and estate planning. This course may also be of interest to lawyers practicing in the area of corporate law and to accountants, family enterprise advisors, trust officers, and investment and financial advisors.

Learning level: Intermediate/Advanced

Law Society of BC CPD Hours: 6 hours
(a minimum of 1 hour pertaining to professional responsibility and ethics, client care and relations, and/or practice management)

Course Chair
Cheyenne J.H. Reese — Legacy Tax + Trust Lawyers, Vancouver

This course will look at the dynamics of a family enterprise and the inter-relationship between family, business/management, and owners. We will discuss how best to guide and advise families as they plan for wealth preservation and inter-generational succession. Topics will include governance, communication and process, estate planning tools and techniques, tax planning, various agreements, and strategic ownership options. We will also address recent developments in applicable legislation.

Early Bird (Regular price after April 17, 2020)

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The plaintiff, who was disabled by multiple sclerosis, successfully sued the defendant insurer for long-term disability benefits. An experienced disability insurance litigator, FH, acted for her pursuant to a contingency fee agreement. In addition to future benefits, the judge awarded the plaintiff $66,000 in damages for past benefits, and $15,000 in aggravated damages for mental distress. On the plaintiff's application for solicitor client costs her counsel provided an affidavit that discussed aspects of her experience as a disability insurance litigator and the particular circumstances of this litigation and access to justice issues. Under the contingency fee agreement, FH's legal fees were $23,000, which represented about a fifth of her fees at her usual hourly rate. Although the defendant insurer committed no reprehensible misconduct in the action, the trial judge awarded the plaintiff special costs on the basis that, in the circumstances, the interests of justice required full, rather than partial, indemnification the plaintiff's reasonably incurred legal costs. The defendant's appeal, which was a test case, concerned the relationship between poverty, disability and complexity in disability insurance litigation, and the limits of judicial discretion to award special costs. In dismissing the appeal, the court held the judge did not err by concluding that it was just for the unsuccessful institutional defendant to indemnify the impoverished and disabled plaintiff fully for the reasonable costs of pursuing her claim for subsistence-level disability insurance benefits. In exceptional cases special costs may be awarded for non-punitive purposes in the interests of justice.

The law of costs has evolved to the point that a judge may consider a litigant's personal and financial circumstances, including the availability and nature of counsel's services, in a disability insurance claim of this sort where there is an evidentiary basis for doing so. Further, if the interests of justice warrant it, a judge may depart from ordinary costs rules and award special costs in the absence of reprehensible conduct. The exercise of discretion in making an extraordinary costs award must be justified by some unusual feature in the case beyond a large discrepancy between taxable and actual legal costs, such as special importance, or difficulty or complexity associated with the litigation. The categories of exceptional cases in which a litigant's personal and financial circumstances may be a relevant factor for consideration on an application for special costs are not closed. In addition to indemnifying the successful party to some degree for allowable expenses and services incurred in a civil proceeding, costs awards also serve other purposes and objectives, such as encouraging settlement, deterring frivolous actions or defences, and sanctioning unreasonable conduct in the course of litigation. Costs may also be awarded to enhance access to justice, mitigate severe inequality between litigants, encourage socially desirable conduct, and as an instrument of policy to accomplish purposes and objectives the law seeks to foster and promote. Considerations of access to justice and leveling the playing field between litigants feature most commonly in costs awards made in public interest litigation, but may also arise in the private litigation context.
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