

11th Annual Class Actions Colloquium: The Practical Side of Litigating Class Actions: Experiences, Challenges and Lessons Learned

Class Actions



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Monday, December 02, 2019 | 9:00 am to 4:45 pm

Reception to follow

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

Agenda: 8:30 am Registration
9:00 am Program Commences
4:45 pm Reception



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Now in its 11th year, the Annual Class Actions Colloquium will be using a practical and pragmatic lens to look at class actions law. Join us as the bench and bar focus on timely topics such as internal investigations in the context of class actions, claims administration, perspectives of clients, and multi-jurisdictional class actions. We will also take a close look at the latest class actions decisions from the Supreme Court of Canada and hear from the bench in our popular “The Judges’ Perspective”. Keep yourself current as we navigate the issues that are pivotal to your practice and benefit from the collective lessons learned.

Register now to gain an exclusive understanding and analysis of key developments in class actions law from an expert faculty of judges and lawyers engaged in the most cutting-edge issues.

Program Chairs: **Nadia Champion**, Lax O’Sullivan Lissus Gottlieb LLP
Antonio Di Domenico, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

<p>8:30 am Registration and Coffee</p> <p>9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>9:05 am Where Do Things Stand?: The Latest from the SCC Moderator: Mohsen Seddigh, Sotos LLP Vera Toppings, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP Professor Jasminka Kalajdzic, University of Windsor Jean-Marc Leclerc, Sotos LLP An update on a busy year at the Supreme Court of Canada and key implications for plaintiffs and defendants moving forward.</p> <p>9:50 am Update from the Bar and LCO David Outerbridge, Torys LLP, Chair of Bench and Bar and LCO Committee Aneurin (Nye) Thomas, Executive Director, Law Commission of Ontario Get an update on the Ontario Class Actions Liaison Committee, the bench-bar committee formed to address issues that arise in class actions practice. Hear from the</p>	<p>Law Commission of Ontario regarding its class actions project and recent report.</p> <p>10:05 am Networking Break</p> <p>10:25 am Coordination or Confusion?: Managing Multi-Jurisdictional Class Actions Moderator: Remissa Hirji, The Law Foundation of Ontario Sylvie Rodrigue, Torys LLP Carsten Jensen Q.C., JSS Barristers Daniel Bach, Siskinds LLP Gain insights on the most recent developments in managing multi-jurisdictional class actions across Canada and strategic considerations for counsel.</p> <p>11:10 am What Do The Clients’ Think?: The Perspective of Clients: Plaintiffs and Defendants Moderator: Alyssa Tomkins, Caza Saikaley LLP Sandeep Joshi, BMO Financial Group Nick Tzoulas, Bentham IMF Hear from clients themselves regarding their experiences with class actions, while discussing ethical and practical considerations.</p>
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12:00 pm Break for Boxed Lunch

12:15pm **Lunch and Keynote Address**

Clifford Edwards, Edwards Frickle & Culver

President, International Academy of Trial Lawyers

We are very pleased to have Mr. Edwards share his experiences as a U.S. attorney practicing law for over forty years in Montana. As a trial lawyer, Mr. Edwards will share with us his vast expertise and insight on trial advocacy.

1:00 pm **Internal Investigations and Class Actions: The Dos and Don'ts**

Moderator: Antonio Di Domenico, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

Carlo Di Carlo, Stockwoods LLP

Sonja Pavic, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

Casey Halladay, McMillan LLP

Gain insights on strategic and practical considerations arising from the internal investigation preceding the class action and the treatment of the 'fruits of the investigation' during the class action.

1:50 pm **Claims Administration from Beginning to End: Lessons Learned and Best Practices**

Moderator: Jeremy Martin, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

Linda Visser, Siskinds LLP

Alex Dimson, Siskinds LLP

David Weir, RicePoint Administration Inc.

For some, when the class action has settled, the real work begins. Explore best practices, pitfalls and pet peeves with leading class counsel and the claims administrators that turn the promise of a class proceeding into tangible relief for class members.

2:40 pm Networking Break

3:00 pm **Evidence, Process and Strategy: A Practical Guide to the Certification Test**

Moderator: Steven Rosenhek, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

The Honourable Paul M. Perell, Superior Court of Justice

Margaret Waddell, Waddell Phillips Professional Corp.

Cheryl Woodin, Bennett Jones LLP

The certification test has evolved, leading to evidentiary and practical challenges for plaintiffs and defendants. Discuss current certification expectations and the considerations that exist for counsel.

3:50 pm **View from the Bench – The Judges' Perspective**

Moderator: Nadia Champion, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb LLP

The Honourable Paul M. Perell, Superior Court of Justice

The Honourable Edward M. Morgan, Superior Court of Justice

The Honourable Deena F. Baltman, Superior Court of Justice

Benefit from a discussion with the bench about a broad range of issues regarding class action proceedings.

4:45 pm **Closing Remarks and Reception Commences**

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