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Objection, Your Honour!



**A Workshop presented by
The Advocates' Society**

Friday, April 26, 2019

9:30 am – 4:30 pm (Registration begins at 9:00 am)

3rd Floor, Law Society Building, 196-198 Water Street, St. John's, NL

Seminar Overview:

Master the art of objection at our upcoming program presented in conjunction with The Advocates' Society.

Seasoned litigators will teach you when, why, and how to make effective objections at trial. Whether you are just starting out or want to brush up on your technique, this is one program you cannot afford to miss.

During this interactive full-day program, you will:

- Review key concepts for proper objections at trial;
- Watch demonstrations by our expert faculty on how to object to and argue an objection during examination-in-chief and cross-examination;
- Participate in a learning-by-doing skills workshop where you will get the opportunity to practice your objections in examination-in-chief, cross-examination and re-examination exercises; and
- Obtain individualized feedback on your performance by The Advocates' Society's trained instructors.

About the Instructors

This workshop will be delivered by lawyers from The Advocates' Society, an organization whose objective is to improve the quality of advocacy by delivering comprehensive advocacy skills training programs, developed by lawyers for lawyers. The Advocates' Society has worked with thousands of lawyers, improving their skills of persuasion and presentation as advocates. The instructors leading the workshop are experienced litigators who have received special training in the teaching of advocacy skills to lawyers.

Rob Bell, *Lerners LLP*

Rob Bell is a senior partner at Lerners LLP, with 38 years' experience in civil litigation and with extensive trial and appellate experience at all levels, including the Supreme Court of Canada. Specialty areas include class proceedings; complex multiparty litigation including cross-border product liability involving design and manufacturing issues in automotive, aerospace and consumer products industries; and major commercial and insurance issues. He has been involved over the years as defence counsel on many of the consumer, automotive and aviation class actions in Canada, and has been counsel on leading reported decisions as the law on certification, trial, bar order in class action settlements and counsel fees has developed in Canada. Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent 5 out of 5 Peer Review Rating; selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in Canada® (Class Action Litigation and Product Liability Law) and recognized as Toronto Product Liability Lawyer of the Year; Recognized in Chambers Canada (Product Liability); The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers; Lexpert® Special Edition on Litigation Lawyers; The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (Litigation – Product Liability and Commercial Insurance); Lexpert® Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigators; Who's Who Legal: Canada (Product Liability Defence and Insurance and Reinsurance); Benchmark Canada – The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys – Local Litigation Star: Ontario and Litigation Star: Product Liability. Rob Bell is published widely and is frequently invited to participate at conferences as keynote speaker, panellist and moderator by many legal organizations. He has created and led numerous advocacy training programs for The Advocates' Society (including programs in Kiev, Ukraine; St. Kitts, Caribbean and United Nations, NY); The Law Society of Upper Canada and Osgoode Professional Development. He is the recipient of the 2014 Advocates' Society Excellence in Teaching Award for his outstanding contribution to the profession. He is an Accredited Mediator (CEDR), a leading UK provider of dispute resolution services. Prior to joining Lerners, Rob Bell was a partner at a large national law firm where he held a number of senior positions over the years, including Litigation Head; Managing Partner and Chair of National Council.

J. Scott Maidment, *McMillan LLP*

Scott Maidment is one of Canada's leading litigation counsel. He has appeared before trial and appellate courts across the country, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and before arbitration tribunals in Canada and the United States. Scott's strengths as an advocate have been noted in numerous peer review publications. Reviewers have described Scott as a "superb advocate" and a "quite brilliant strategist", and have noted Scott's "impressive presence in the courtroom", his "calmness under pressure" and his "technical excellence". Scott enjoys an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been repeatedly listed in the Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada, the Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada, and the Lexpert/Report on Business - Leading Litigation Lawyers. Scott's international reputation for excellence is also reflected by his inclusion in Chambers Canada, Best Lawyers, Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Product Liability Lawyers, The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, The International Who's Who of Life Sciences Lawyers, and The International Who's Who of Product Liability Lawyers. Scott has been repeatedly named one of the top 30 product liability lawyers in the world by Legal Media Group's, The Best of the Best. Scott is known especially for his work in class actions and complex cases, particularly for companies in the life sciences industry. His trial and appellate practice has covered a wide range of legal disputes in a number of economic sectors. He has conducted trials, arbitrations, applications and appeals involving issues of contract, competition, product liability, negligence, insurance, defamation, employment, real estate, transportation, constitutional law and human rights. A skilled trial lawyer, Scott has also served as a trial advocacy instructor for the Advocates' Society, the Attorney General of Canada and the United Nations. He has served as an Adjunct Professor of trial practice at Osgoode Hall Law School, and has been a Team Leader and Instructor at Osgoode Hall's Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop. Scott is currently the Secretary of the Advocates' Society and has served as Chair of the Society's Standing Committee on Advocacy and Practice (SCAP) and Chair of the Society's Education Committee. Scott speaks and writes regularly on topics related to trial advocacy. He is also a co-author of Product Liability: Canadian Law and Practice, the comprehensive work on product liability litigation published by Canada Law Book.

Janet E. Minor, *Constitutional Litigator-in-Residence, David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights, University of Toronto*

Called to the Bar in 1975, Minor holds an LLB from the University of Toronto and an LLM from Osgoode Hall Law School. She has worked in public law since 1977, and up until her election as Treasurer in 2014, was general counsel in the Constitutional Law Branch of Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General. She has argued many significant cases on behalf of Ontario at all levels of court in Ontario, and at the Supreme Court of Canada. She has been a frequent speaker and participated in education programs on public law and an Adjunct Professor at both the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and Osgoode Hall Law School. Minor is a founding director of the Association of Law Officers of the Crown (ALOC), past director of The Advocates' Society, and has served on the boards of the Law Foundation of Ontario and the Ontario Justice Education Network. She was first elected as a bencher of the Law Society in 2001, then re-elected in 2006 and 2011. She was elected to the position of Treasurer of The Law Society of Upper Canada from 2014 – 2016. She was the 4th woman to hold that position and the first Treasurer from the public sector. She has received the Women's Law Association President's Award (2003), the Ontario Bar Association's Tom Marshall Award (2010), the ALOC Carol Creighton Award for Contribution to Public Law (2013), and a Zenith Award celebrating leading women lawyers from Lexpert (2013).

Barbara J. Murchie, *Bennett Jones LLP*

Barbara Murchie has 30 years of experience as counsel in a broad range of litigation matters including intellectual property, contract and tort disputes, professional and municipal liability, product liability and construction. Barbara has experience before the Ontario and Federal Courts at both the trial and appellate levels. Barbara is a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada, chair of its Tribunal Committee. She sits regularly as an adjudicator for the Law Society Tribunal, an administrative tribunal that hears cases involving professional misconduct allegations against lawyers. Barbara is a regular speaker at conferences on intellectual property and advocacy-related topics. She is a former director of The Advocates' Society, former president of the Lawyers Club and has been an instructor at the Law Society of Upper Canada Bar Admissions Course and at Osgoode Hall Law School's Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop and The Advocates' Society Trial Advocacy Workshop. Barbara co-chairs the Courthouse Series, a group of programmes that teaches Advocacy through demonstration and discussion. The Series is presented by The Advocates' Society in cities across the Province of Ontario. Prior to and during her attendance at law school, Barbara worked in the media for a total of 15 years. Her experience in every facet of television production has provided considerable insight for her work as an advocate and valuable background for her interest in intellectual property. Barbara is past chair of Ovarian Cancer Canada and former chair of the board of directors of Casey House Foundation, a charity devoted to palliative care for those with HIV/AIDS.

How is the workshop delivered?

The workshop offers a valuable “learn-by-doing” method of instruction, which incorporates low registrant/instructor ratios. Registrants will participate in practice exercises using hypothetical case scenarios, and will receive practical, individualized feedback from the instructors regarding their participation in the exercises. This skills instruction program was developed by The Advocates' Society.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the highly participatory nature of this course, and the low registrant/instructor ratio used for instruction, this seminar is not available via webinar and enrolment is extremely limited. Please register early to ensure participation.

REGISTER ONLINE BY CLICKING THE FOLLOWING LINK:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sqDGfANmRmuU4Vi6CX1LgA

Registration Fee: \$250.00 (\$217.39 + 15% HST)

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Registration Includes:

1. Seminar attendance
2. Course materials
3. Lunch and light refreshments

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CLE Credit: 7 hours (inclusive of 1 hour to complete required readings prior to the seminar)