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**Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association and the Law Society of
Newfoundland and Labrador Present**

**Changes to the Automobile Insurance Regime and Applicable
Limitations Principles**

Date: Monday, March 30, 2020

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

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

Seminar Overview:

This seminar will address the changes that have recently been made to the Newfoundland and Labrador *Automobile Insurance Act*, which, as of January 1, 2020, requires motor vehicle accident victims to give a “notice of intention to commence an action on the insured within 120 days of the accident” and increases the deductible from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00 for loss or damage sustained on or after January 1, 2020.

In addition to providing an overview of recent changes to the legislation, this seminar will review Ontario's experience in having implemented similar regulations in that province. There will also be a discussion regarding the investigation/analysis of the industry's figures that are held out in support of amending the automobile insurance regime.

The seminar will conclude with a presentation on how to assess the limitation of actions. This will include an overview of fundamental limitations principles (e.g. when the limitation clock starts, when it pauses, and when it stops). There will also be a review of recent developments in limitations jurisprudence with a focus on the insurance context.

Seminar Presenters:

Scott Jones – Assistant Deputy Minister, Regular Affairs, Service NL

Renee Dyer – Superintendent of Insurance and Securities

Claire Wilkinson – Director and General Counsel, Family, Children and Youth Section with Martin & Hillyer

Claire graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1990, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Philosophy. Claire graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from Queen's University in 1993, and was called to the bar in 1995. Claire has been practising law with Martin and Hillyer Associates in Burlington since 1995.

Claire is a past President of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association (OTLA), and the Halton County Law Association. She also sits on the board of Mind Forward Brain Injury Services, and is an Ontario Governor for the American Association for Justice.

Claire is a frequent lecturer for OTLA and the Hamilton Law Association, and has also lectured for the Canadian Institute, the Halton County Law Association, Queen's University, The Advocates Society, Canadian Defence Lawyers, the Ontario Bar Association, and numerous other groups.

In 2012, Claire received the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Distinguished Service Award.

Barry Mason, Q.C. – Partner, Presse Mason

Barry is a founder and partner of Pressé Mason. He graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 1993 and was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1994.

Barry is a member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, the Canadian Bar Association and the Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association. He is a Past President of the Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association. He has acted for thousands of plaintiffs in numerous insurance matters and has appeared before the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, the Federal Court Trial Division, the Federal Court of Appeal and various tribunals.

Barry has presented various papers on numerous topics regarding personal injury and insurance law. He also served as a member of the discovery and disclosure working group of the Nova Scotia Rules Reform and Revision Project.

Barry has been recognized in the 2007 to 2014 editions of the Best Lawyers in Canada for his work in the field of personal injury law. He has been awarded the Canadian Bar Association's Community Service Award (2008), the Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association's Courageous Advocacy Award (2011) and was named Bedford's Volunteer of the Year Award (2007).

Dan Zacks – Zacks Law

Dan is a litigator practicing in Toronto with a speciality in commercial litigation, appellate advocacy, and insurance coverage disputes. He has expertise in limitations law: he authors the Law of Limitations, Halsbury's Limitation of Actions, and the mostly up to date limitations law blog Under the Limit. He is currently working on a compendium of bad limitations jokes.

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Non-APTLA Members: \$287.50 (\$250.00 + 15% HST)

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Registration Includes:

1. Seminar attendance
2. Lunch and light refreshments (for in-person attendees)

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