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Evidence for Litigators (Presented by The Advocates' Society)

Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Time: 12:30 – 4:00 pm

Seminar Overview:

This exceptional program from The Advocates' Society offers practical information and updates about evidence that every litigator, irrespective of practice area, needs to know. Esteemed members of the Bench and Bar will provide key insights on how to effectively obtain, use and admit evidence at trial.

This is a two-part program. The learning-by-doing skills workshop will be held on **December 8, 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**, and registrants will have access to a three hour live webcast recording of the plenary session for 30 days.

The remote workshop is your chance to practise working with exhibits and delivering submissions to impeach a witness in a supportive environment. You will get practical, individualized feedback from our trained instructors. You will also learn from your peers as you work through the interactive exercises in small groups. Please note that the workshop requires advance preparation based on a mock case file, which will be provided to you in advance of the workshop.

Registration includes electronic materials, which will be provided prior to the program.

Seminar Presenters (Please see attached bios):

Robert B. Bell
Lerners LLP

Janet E. Minor
Former Treasurer of the Law Society of ON

Brian Grant
Brian Grant Mediation

Barbara Murchie
Bennett Jones LLP

J. Sheldon Hamilton
Smart & Biggar

Stephen Ross
Rogers Partners LLP

Registration Fee: \$250.00 (\$217.39 + \$32.61 HST) HST # R108086463

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AFTER REGISTERING, YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING THE MEETING.

PLEASE NOTE:

REGISTRATION FOR THIS WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO 24 PARTICIPANTS AND SPACES WILL BE ALLOCATED BASED ON ORDER OF REGISTRATION.

YOUR SPACE WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED AND REFUNDS WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR CANCELLATION AFTER DECEMBER 5, 2021

CLE Credit: 7 hours

Faculty Bios

Robert B. Bell, *Lerners LLP*

Robert B. Bell is a senior partner with Lerners LLP. Mr. Bell has appeared in trial and appellate courts in different provinces and before 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 disputes. Mr. Bell has consistently received a Martindale-Hubbell AV pre-eminent 5 out of 5 peer review rating and is repeatedly selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in Canada where he is recognized for his expertise in insurance law and product liability (including being ranked as “Product Liability Lawyer of the Year” in 2020). He is also listed in Chambers Canada; The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers; Lexpert Special Edition on Litigation Lawyers; The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory; Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigators; Who's Who Legal:Canada; and as a Litigation Star 2020 in Benchmark Canada - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys. 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 participated in 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; past Executive Board Member of The Advocates' Society; Member of the Law Society of Ontario; and Member of the Canadian, American, and International Bar Associations.

Brian Grant, *Brian Grant Mediation*

For over 25 years as a litigator, Brian represented plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of property and casualty disputes. Brian tried cases before judges and juries throughout the province and was a Certified Specialist in civil litigation from 2014-2020. Now, as a full-time mediator, he brings specialized mediation training, a balanced perspective and deep substantive knowledge to the settlement of all types of cases including personal injury, property damage, professional negligence, municipal and public entity liability, police misconduct, benefit disputes, insurance coverage and more. For more information and to book a mediation, go to www.briangrantmediation.com .

J. Sheldon Hamilton, *Smart & Biggar*

Sheldon Hamilton has been recognized as one of Canada's leading patent litigation lawyers. Over the course of 21 years, Sheldon has acted as counsel for many of world's most innovative companies in relation to commercially significant products. Sheldon has particular experience in pharmaceutical litigation, appearing as both trial and appellate counsel, including in proceedings under the Patented Medicines (Notice of Compliance) Regulations. Sheldon has extensive trial experience focusing on issues of patent infringement and validity, and damage quantification. Sheldon has been recognized by a range of leading Canadian and international publications, including Who's Who Legal: Life Sciences, IAM Patent Litigation 250, Benchmark Canada, and The Best Lawyers in Canada. Sheldon writes and speaks on intellectual property issues and is active in committee work in a number of professional organizations, including as a Director of The Advocates' Society. During his off-hours, Sheldon is an avid runner, having completed 24 marathons including Boston (twice), New York, Chicago and Prague.

Janet E. Minor, *Former Treasurer of the Law Society of Ontario*

Janet E. Minor attended the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto, graduating in 1973 and was called to the bar in 1975. Janet worked at Manning Bruce MacDonald & McIntosh after articling there, doing general litigation and family law. In 1977, Janet moved to the Crown Law Office, Civil Litigation, of the Ministry of the Attorney General and discovered public law and never left the Ministry until becoming Treasurer in June 2014. Janet did move from litigating at the Crown Law Office, Civil to the Constitutional Law Branch in 1989. Janet feels privileged to have served the public and the public interest as a Ministry lawyer and to have had the opportunity to litigate on behalf of Ontario on many significant cases in the evolution of our Constitution, especially Charter Jurisprudence.

Barbara 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.

Stephen Ross, *Rogers Partners LLP*

Stephen Ross is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario where he received both his B.A. (Dean's Honour List) and LL.B., and was called to the Bar in 1993. Stephen is a senior partner at the Toronto based litigation boutique of Rogers Partners LLP. Stephen has a broad based civil litigation practice with a focus on insurance law. Stephen has experience and expertise in almost all aspects of insurance litigation including: automobile claims litigation; general liability claims, including class actions and occupiers' liability matters; professional liability claims including construction litigation and claims against legal, medical and other professionals. Stephen also has considerable expertise in insurance coverage advice and litigation, including commercial, professional and automobile related coverage advice, disputes and opinion work. Stephen has experience at all levels of court and before administrative tribunals. Stephen has a particular interest in appellate advocacy, having appeared before the Ontario Court of Appeal on numerous occasions on a wide variety of issues. Stephen is a widely published author on a variety of legal matters, including recent commentaries on: appellate advocacy; third party liability coverage in the automobile context; occupiers' liability; conflicts of law and cross border litigation; and, Tort-SABS interface issues. Stephen believes in the traditions of the profession and is committed to the mentoring of young lawyers, both at the firm and within the profession at large. Stephen is a

past President of the Insurance Law section of the Ontario Bar Association and chaired a special joint insurance committee that was established to provide advice on legislative reform to the Ontario government. Stephen currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Advocates' Society for the 2019-2023 term, and, has been consistently recognized by his peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in Canada, in the areas of insurance law and personal injury litigation.