

13th Annual Professionalism Issues for Business Lawyers

Business Law

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Live Online

Program Chairs: Zain Naqi, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb LLP
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Professionalism Hours: This program contains 2h 0m
1h 0m of Equality, and Inclusion Professionalism Content

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What are the most pressing professionalism issues facing business lawyers today? Join your colleagues as our expert panelists delve into emerging trends and developments on important ethical and practice management issues, and the resulting impacts for your practice.

Bring yourself up to speed on key ethical issues, and gain all of your professionalism hours for the year at this popular annual program, specifically suited to your role as a business lawyer. This program is part of the OBA’s second **Ethics Day**.

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| 9:00 am | Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 9:05 am | Managing Conflicts of Interest in Multi-Party Transactions and Joint Engagements: Practical Tools for Transactional Lawyers Eugene Cipparone , Goodmans LLP Nathaniel Read-Ellis , Adair Goldblatt Beiber LLP <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identifying common hidden conflictsManaging instructions and communications as parties’ interests begin to divergeWhen one party’s position becomes adverse to another: options for continued representation, withdrawal or transitioning to separate counsel |
| 9:55 am | Privilege & Confidentiality in Commercial Transactions Alexis Beale , Rosemount Law Maureen Littlejohn , Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP Byron Shaw , McCarthy Tétrault LLP <ul style="list-style-type: none">How different types of privilege are established and maintainedSafeguarding privilege when third-party advisors and other non-legal experts are involvedWhat remains privileged once a deal becomes contentious, and practical steps to maximize the benefits |
| 10:50 am | Health Break |
| 11:05 am | Question the Impression to Break Free from Bias Michelle Grocholsky , Founder and CEO, Empowered EDI <ul style="list-style-type: none">Learn how to pause your first impressions and ask better questions to challenge bias in real time |
| 12:00 pm | Program Concludes |

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