

Scary Issues for the Real Estate Practitioner

Real Property

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 | 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Program)
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Reception)

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

Program Chairs: **Balvinder Kumar**, BK Law Professional Corporation
Matthew Gardner, Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP

Real estate law is embedded with spooky issues that can give even the most seasoned practitioners nightmares. Protect yourself by staying on top of recent developments and resulting best practices at our popular annual program. Enhance your practice tool kit through insights from expert speakers and engaging in discussion with your peers.

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1:00 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks	3:05 pm	Challenges of Wire Transfers Ray LeClair , LawPRO Mark Giavedoni , Gowling WLG
1:05 pm	Forged Powers of Attorney (POA) Doug Bourassa , Torkin Manes LLP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures to fight fraud when buying and selling property on a POA 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirming funds are received Managing delays with the transfer of funds What happens if a firm only accepts direct deposits
1:30 pm	Mistakes to Avoid for Independent Legal Representation (ILR) and Independent Legal Advice (ILA) Rani Bains , Counsel, Law Society of Ontario Joel Kadish , Barrister & Solicitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required steps before providing ILA and ILR to clients Critical differences and specific requirements for providing ILR and ILA Guidance to effectively implement the Law Society's practice tips 	3:30 pm	Environmental Due Diligence in Real Estate Transactions Matthew Gardner , Willms and Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key issues to watch out for during the due diligence process Environmental terms and conditions for purchasers vs vendors Minimizing environmental risks
2:10 pm	Minimizing Risk with Recordkeeping and File Management Andrew Fortis , Hummingbird Lawyers LLP Merredith MacLennan , MacLennan Serratore LLP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactively organize and properly manage client files Pivotal role of proper accounting system for your financial decisions 	3:55 pm	Concluding Remarks
		4:00 pm	Program Concludes with Networking Reception



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Substantive Hours: This program is eligible for up to **1h 0m**

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