

## Critical Rules of Evidence for Civil Litigators

### *Civil Litigation*

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | 9:00am to 12:00pm

**Location:** Live Online

**Program Chairs:**

**Anisha Bhardwaj**, Aird & Berlis LLP

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**Robert Richler**, Bernardi Human Resource Law LLP



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This program contains:  
**3h 00m of Substantive content**

Join us for this practical overview of key evidentiary issues in civil litigation. Our expert faculty will share helpful insights as we unpack:

- Use and limits of hearsay evidence, including affidavit evidence on motions and applications, statements of deceased persons, and financial records in fiduciary disputes;
- Expert evidence, with a focus on independence, potential bias, and the proper scope of opinion, as well as emerging issues involving privilege and the use of artificial intelligence;
- Challenges related to electronic documents and digital records; and
- The court’s discretion to exclude irrelevant evidence.

Ensure you are equipped with the knowledge you need to tackle evidentiary issues in your practice. Register now!

<p>9:00am Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>9:05am <b>Use and Limits of Hearsay Evidence</b>  <a href="#">Anisha Bhardwaj</a>, Aird &amp; Berlis LLP (moderator)  <a href="#">Rahool Agarwal</a>, Lax O'Sullivan Lissus Gottlieb LLP  <a href="#">Kate Costin</a>, Aird Berlis LLP  <a href="#">Leanne Storms</a>, Storms Law LLP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affidavit evidence on motions and applications</li> <li>• Statements of deceased persons</li> <li>• Financial records in fiduciary disputes</li> </ul> <p>10:00am <b>Expert Evidence</b>  <a href="#">Robert Richler</a>, Bernardi Human Resource Law LLP (moderator)  <a href="#">Kate Costin</a>, Aird Berlis LLP  <a href="#">Katie DiTomaso</a>, Stieber Berlach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independence and potential bias</li> <li>• Proper scope of opinion</li> <li>• Use of prior inconsistent statements</li> <li>• Emerging issues involving privilege</li> <li>• Use of artificial intelligence</li> </ul> <p>10:45am Health Break</p>	<p>11:00am <b>Challenges Related to Electronic Documents and Digital Records</b>  <a href="#">Elena Mamay</a>, Mann Lawyers LLP (moderator)  <a href="#">Samantha Hargreaves</a>, Lenczner Slaght  <a href="#">Leanne Storms</a>, Storms Law LLP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business records and use of databases that don't require a records custodian for authentication</li> <li>• How to decide which witnesses to call to authenticate digital records</li> <li>• Case Centre use and challenges</li> <li>• Handling electronic wills in estate litigation</li> </ul> <p>11:30am <b>The Court's Discretion to Exclude Irrelevant Evidence and Adverse Inferences</b>  <a href="#">Elena Mamay</a>, Mann Lawyers LLP (moderator)  <a href="#">Rahool Agarwal</a>, Lax O'Sullivan Lissus Gottlieb LLP  <a href="#">Michael Crampton</a>, CP LLP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Factors guiding exclusion of irrelevant or low-value evidence</li> <li>• When an adverse inference may be drawn</li> <li>• Practical steps to increase the likelihood of an adverse inference</li> </ul> <p>11:55am Questions and Concluding Remarks</p> <p>12:00pm Program Concludes</p>
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