

The Civil Trial – Views from the Bench

Civil Litigation



Live Online

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Live Online

Agenda: 9:00 am Program Commences
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Whether you are an experienced litigator or a recently-called lawyer, you do not want to miss this unique program on the civil trial process. You'll hear from experienced judges who have presided over countless trials and have seen first-hand what trial techniques work and what mistakes litigators often make. Civil litigators will gain valuable advice and strategies from the Bench to ensure that they master their craft. We look forward to seeing you there.

Program Chair: Helen Richards, Bank of Canada

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Opening and Closing Statements**

- Jury vs. Non-Jury cases
- Preparation and pitfalls to avoid
- The use of visual aids

9:45 am **Introducing Evidence at Trial**

- Using the Rules to gather and present necessary and cogent evidence
- Make your Evidence Count: issues of admissibility
- Preparation is the Key to Success: organization and exhibits

10:25 am Health Break

10:40 am **The Art of Examination**

- Direct Examination
- Cross-Examination
- Re-Examination

11:20 am **Top 10 Trial Mistakes and How to Avoid Them**

- How to avoid the many pitfalls encountered by trial lawyers

11:55 am Questions, Answers and Closing Remarks

12:00 pm Program Concludes

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