14th Annual Professionalism Issues for Business Lawyers

Business Law

In person Live Online

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2026| 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Program Chairs:
Colleen Coleman Wright, ColemanLex Professional Corporation
Julia Kennedy, Law Office of Julia Kennedy

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2h 0m of Professionalism Content
1h 0m of EDI 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 third Ethics Day. Following the program, join us for a special Intersections Mix and Mingle to expand your referral network and build connections with lawyers practicing across a number of legal areas, including business law, tax law, municipal law and litigation. Take advantage of this opportunity to grow your relationships with your fellow lawyers and maximize the benefit of your OBA community.

9:00am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05am **Anti-Money Laundering Law & Business Name Registration**
Julia Kennedy, Law Office of Julia Kennedy (moderator)
Graeme Hamilton, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
Paul Jonathan Saguil, TD Bank Group
Raymond G Leclair, Vice President, Public Affairs, LAWPRO
Business lawyers are on the front line of Ontario's anti-money laundering framework. Ensure you're equipped to:

- Navigate onboarding and identity verification obligations
- Manage common problems with business bank accounts and fund tracing, including name mismatches and funds that become untraceable even without any wrongdoing
- Recognize red flags for fraud before they become a problem

9:55am **Professional Responsibility in the Age of AI**
Colleen Coleman Wright, ColemanLex Professional Corporation (moderator)
Brent Arnold, Capstan Legal
Isi Caulder, Smart & Biggar
Michelle Fernando, Gowling WLG
Thassiane Gossler, Oziel Law

- Navigating confidentiality, privilege, vendor terms, client consent and verification when using AI
- Your role as advisor when clients use AI themselves
- At what point does not using AI become a competence issue?

10:45am Networking Break

11:00am **Plenary: Building a Neuroinclusive Legal Practice**
Kathleen Robichaud, Law Office of Kathleen Robichaud, OBA Access to Justice Committee (moderator)
Kelly Caldwell, Southren Group Inc.
Christine Roth, Barrister & Solicitor, OBA Access to Justice Committee
Brian Studniberg, Henein Hutchison Robitaille LLP
Gain concrete strategies for adapting intake and communication to better serve neurodiverse clients and supporting colleagues

12:00pm Program Concludes

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