

## Successful Civil Appeals

### Civil Litigation



In-Person



Webcast

**Date:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Location:** Twenty Toronto Street Conferences and Events  
20 Toronto Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Toronto

**Program Chairs** **Sanjaya Mendis**, McCarthy Tétrault LLP  
**Geoff Mowatt**, DLA Piper (Canada) LLP

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Appellate advocacy is a critical skill for any litigator. To become a more effective appellate advocate you require winning strategies, and to succeed with your appeal you must make crucial decisions along the way. Join us as our experienced faculty walk you through the process of determining whether or not you should appeal and how it should be done so that you do win your appeal, should you decide to file it. Valuable insight and guidance will be provided by both members of the bench and seasoned appellate litigators.

Register now for this highly practical program.

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **To Appeal or Not to Appeal?**

- The factors to consider when deciding whether to appeal or cross-appeal
- The role your client plays in making this decision
- When you should not appeal

9:35 am **Framing the Appeal**

**The Honourable David Stratas**, Federal Court of Appeal  
**James Holtom**, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

- Understand how to persuasively frame your appeal as the appellant, or respond as the respondent
- Deciding which errors to pursue
- How much information is too much?

10:05 am **Latest on Standards of Review**

- Determining the nature of the question raised in each ground of appeal
- Questions of law vs questions of facts vs questions of mixed fact and law

10:35 am Networking Break

10:50 am **Writing a Persuasive Factum**

**Monique Jilesen**, Lenczner Slaght LLP

- Recognizing the strengths and weaknesses of your case and how to deal with them
- How to effectively roadmap your pitch
- Strategies for organizing your argument in a clear and effective manner

11:20 am **Delivering Compelling Oral Submissions**

**The Honourable Mary Gleason**, Federal Court of Appeal

- Tips for how to present your argument
- Deciding what materials are most effective for the bench
- How to tackle questions from the bench

11:50 am Q & A

12:00 pm Program Concludes

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