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Evidence Essentials: Dealing with the Troublesome Witness

with Prof. Peter Sankoff

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Live webinar with chat

includes 30 day replay*

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This webinar is essential for junior to intermediate level litigators, and very helpful for more experienced practitioners seeking a condensed refresher in this challenging area.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

No matter how much time you put into preparing your case, trial would not be trial without troublesome witnesses. While openings, closings and submissions are largely within our control, often witnesses are not. Some witnesses are difficult on purpose, and others present challenges because of their loyalties, poor memory, unsophistication, or even simple personality quirks. Because of this, it is essential for litigators to understand the evidentiary law that exists to deal with witnesses who are unhelpful, unwilling, or unable. Without these tools in your kit, you can't truly represent your clients effectively. This exciting new webinar offers a helpful review of the substantive law and procedural rules that apply to troublesome witnesses.

Noted author and award winning law Professor Peter Sankoff will focus on the untruthful, forgetful, hostile and adverse witness. In addition he'll touch on the witness who refuses to answer questions – often the first sign of problems to come! Each of these areas can cause significant anxiety for practitioners unfamiliar with the rules and processes that apply to them. Professor Sankoff will outline the relevant law, including leading Supreme Court of Canada decisions, and the correct processes to use. His comments will apply to evidence given in a range of proceedings. Attend this webinar and get the knowledge you need to confidently manage these troublesome witnesses, and smooth the way for a more effective, and more enjoyable, presentation of your client's case.

SCHEDULE (Eastern)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

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Peter Sankoff is an award-winning law professor and researcher at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law. He also practices appellate law part-time with Bottos Law Group in Edmonton. Peter is one of Canada's leading authorities on the substantive criminal law and the law of evidence. He authors or co-authors leading texts on criminal law, and the law of evidence including *Witnesses* and the *Portable Guide to Witnesses*, and has been widely published in a number of the world's most distinguished academic journals. Peter graduated with a JD from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and subsequently worked as a law clerk for Madame Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dubé at the Supreme Court of Canada. After earning an LL.M. from Osgoode Hall (York University), he joined the federal Department of Justice where he worked as an advisor on human rights matters involving criminal justice. Peter has taught as an invited visiting professor at the University of Ottawa, Haifa University (Israel), the University of Melbourne (Australia), Lewis and Clark College of Law (Oregon), the University of Western Ontario, Niigata University (Japan), and the University of Auckland (New Zealand). Peter has won numerous teaching awards, including the 2016 Brightspace Award for Innovation in Teaching from the Society of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. One of Peter's main objectives is to help law students, lawyers and members of the public learn more about how the law functions, and make learning complex legal concepts easier. You can visit his award-winning teaching videos and blogs at his website, petersankoff.com.



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