



*Learn the key steps
to preparing for
trial!*



A Guide to Preparing for Civil Trials

with Michael Lesage

Thursday, April 30, 2020

**Live webinar with chat
includes 60 day replay***

9:00 am – 10:30 am (Pacific)

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This program is designed for lawyers looking for a handy guide to some of the most important actions to consider in preparing for a civil trial. Novice and veteran litigators alike will find the information and practical guidance invaluable for staying on track.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Pretrial is over and your case didn't settle. Now what? Most everything we do as lawyers can be reduced to a series of steps that not only help us achieve our goals, but also avoid oversights along the way. This exciting new short course will provide an overview of key tasks for counsel to perform when preparing for trial. Experienced litigator Michael Lesage will walk you through the process of gathering, revisiting, and assembling your evidence for presentation to a judge or jury. You'll gain concise statements of law and important practice pointers to help you:

- Manage pretrial procedures
- Efficiently admit documents at trial
- Make the most of discovery
- Quickly locate supporting evidence and authorities while in the courtroom

Specific references will be made to the *Canada Evidence Act*, as well as the *Ontario Rules of Civil Procedure*, but the steps and underlying principles will generally apply to trials in all common law provinces. The resources you receive can be modified as necessary for each lawyer's jurisdiction and unique practice. Trial planning doesn't have to be overwhelming! Attend this convenient, 90 minute webinar and get the tools you need to approach your next (or first) trial with more confidence!

SCHEDULE (Eastern)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Welcome & Introduction

Preparing for the Use of Documents/Exhibits at Trial

Determining Admissibility of Documents (*Voire Dire*)

**The Use of Discovery Transcripts and Answers to
Undertakings**

The Trial Binder

What to Bring to Trial

Motions that May be Brought at Trial

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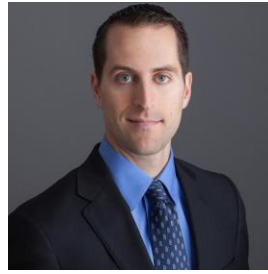
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MEET YOUR PRESENTER



Michael Lesage is the founder and principal of Michael's Law Firm, with offices in Niagara, Hamilton, and Toronto. After receiving his B.A. in Economics from the University of Western Ontario, he attended law school at the University of Pittsburgh,

and worked for a large litigation boutique on matters ranging from complex class actions to medical malpractice to personal injury cases. After graduating from law school, Michael practiced commercial litigation, professional malpractice, insurance and personal injury law at a prominent Florida litigation firm. There he achieved the coveted "Peer Reviewed" rating from Martindale Hubbell. In 2012, Michael returned to Ontario as counsel for one of Toronto's largest injury firms. He subsequently started his own firm, doing primarily business and commercial litigation. Michael speaks and writes on law and litigation related topics, including for *Canadian Lawyer*, *Law Times*, *The Lawyer's Daily*, *Advocate Daily*, and as author of Chapter 3, in *The Oatley-McLeish Guide to Personal Injury Practice in Motor Vehicle Cases 2018*.

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