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# Choosing, Using & Preparing Expert Witnesses

*With Renée Vinett*

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

**Live webinar with chat**

***includes 60 day replay\****

9:00 am – 10:30 am (Pacific)

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Lawyers who want to learn practical strategies for identifying, vetting, retaining and ethically working with and preparing an expert witness up to the point of trial should attend this webinar.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Using an expert witness to assist with the resolution of a claim or to adduce evidence at trial involves many considerations. Do you need them? Who should you choose? When should you hire them? Can you aid them in drafting their report? How do you get the most from them at trial? In this new 90-minute webinar experienced litigator Renée Vinett will explore the relationship between you and your expert witness up to preparation for trial. Renée will address practical considerations relating to selecting an expert, timing of retention, instructing and communicating with your expert, and producing your expert's report, as well as strategies to help your expert deliver their best performance as a witness. Topics will include:

- Identifying the right expert witness for your case
- Exchanging information with your expert
- The expert's role in shaping litigation strategy
- Preparation of your expert's report
- Helping your expert to be an effective witness

With references to her own practice and relevant case law and professional responsibility rules, Renée will share real-world insights on how to make the most of your expert's knowledge and skills, to best serve your client's interests. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your understanding of the rules governing the lawyer-expert relationship and improve your current pre-trial practices.

## SCHEDULE (Eastern)

**12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Determining whether you need an expert**

**Selecting the right expert for your case**

**Retaining the expert**

**Instructing the expert**

**Draft reports and communications with the expert**

**Preparing the expert for testimony**

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**Renée Vinett** is a partner at Howie, Sacks & Henry LLP. She is a Certified Specialist in Civil Litigation by the Law Society of Ontario. In addition to being a lawyer, Renée has been a registered nurse for over 35 years. Renee's practice is

devoted to bringing her medical and legal experience to bear in all areas of personal injury litigation, including motor vehicle, accident benefit, slip and fall, long-term and short-term disability, and product liability claims. She has successfully conducted numerous trials and hearings. Renée is listed in *Best Lawyers in Canada* for Personal Injury and in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* Repeatedly Recommended for Personal Injury. She is a member of various professional associations, for which she often lectures at continuing legal education programs, including the Ontario Bar Association, Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, The Advocates' Society, Women's Law Association of Ontario, and College of Nurses of Ontario. Howie, Sacks & Henry LLP is consistently named a *Canadian Lawyer* top 10 Personal Injury boutique law firm.

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