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next virtual
examination!*



Conducting Effective Virtual Examinations

Caroline Abela & Neil Paris

Thursday, November 25, 2021

Live webinar with chat

includes 60 day replay*

9:00 am – 10:30 am (Pacific)

10:00 am – 11:30 am (Mountain)

11:00 am – 12:30 pm (Central)

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (Eastern)

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This program is designed for lawyers of all experience levels who want to increase their confidence and competence when conducting virtual examinations.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Virtual examinations now appear to be a permanent part of the litigation landscape. And while the convenience and cost-savings are consistently clear wins for clients, the efficacy and success of a remote examination ultimately rests with counsel. So, how do you prepare for not just the substance of the examination, but also the logistical quirks of proceeding remotely? Should there be an agreement to go off the record when technical issues arise? What are the rules about who can be in the same room as the witness during the examination and how are these enforced? Are there rules for other forms of communication during the examination like texting or chatting? Are documents electronic or paper and how should they be handled? This new, 90-minute webinar with experienced litigation counsel Caroline Abela and Neil Paris will address best practices for conducting virtual discoveries, cross-examinations and more. You'll receive practical pointers and insights on how to prepare witnesses for remote testimony, how to present an effective virtual presence, and how to maintain a professional and solemn examination environment. Technology has taught us that everything that can be done at an in-person examination can be done remotely – how well you do it is up to you! Attend this program and get proven strategies to help avoid unnecessary delays and achieve the best possible outcome for your client.

SCHEDULE (Eastern)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Welcome and Introduction

Common Concerns About Virtual Examinations

Preparing for Virtual Examinations

- Collaborating with opposing counsel on format and procedure
- Technology requirements and testing
- Creating effective electronic documents
- Preparing to question witnesses virtually
- Preparing witnesses for virtual examinations

Conducting Virtual Examinations

- Setting the ground rules
- Effectively communicating on camera
- Effectively handling documents with screenshare
- Questioning witnesses virtually
- Maintaining privilege/confidentiality

Additional Ethical and Practical Considerations

Program Wrap-up and Evaluation

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Caroline Abela is a Partner with WeirFoulds LLP, where she specializes in complex business and estate litigation matters. Caroline has been named in the Who's Who Legal for Asset Recovery and in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory for

litigation—corporate commercial. She was selected as a Litigation Lawyer to Watch in Lexpert's 2014 US/Canada Cross-border Litigation Guide and a Lexpert Zenith Award Celebrating Mid-Career Excellence in 2018. In 2021, she was recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada as a leading lawyer in Corporate and Commercial Litigation. In 2017, Caroline was named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, whose membership is limited to one percent of lawyers admitted to practice in Canada.

Neil Paris is the Founder of Paris & Company, which acts for some of Canada's largest corporations and professional services firms in a range of corporate commercial litigation matters. Neil's practice is restricted to commercial litigation, with an emphasis on corporate governance matters, securities claims, professional negligence claims, tax disputes, product liability matters, and employment law disputes. Neil has particular expertise in helping clients respond to a wide range of regulatory and administrative investigations. He has argued before all levels of Court in Ontario, in the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal, and before numerous boards of inquiry and arbitration. Before starting Paris & Company, Neil practiced for 12 years at Osler LLP.



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