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Advocacy Masterclass – Opening and Closing Statements at Civil Trial

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Registration at 3:45 p.m.)

TLA Lawyers Lounge, 2nd Floor, 361 University Avenue Court House

Opening and closing statements present Counsel with the opportunity to capture the attention of their audience, deliver key facts, summarize critical evidence introduced at trial, and cement their theory of the case in the minds of the trier of fact. Often identified as the most important components of a trial, it is critical for litigators to ensure that they have the skills necessary to effectively and persuasively open and close their case.

The Advocacy Masterclass – Opening and Closing Statements at Civil Trial nutshell will provide you with the information you need to craft and deliver effective opening and closing statements. Featuring an esteemed panel of trial tested litigators, from both the Plaintiff and Defence perspective, with the additional benefit of views from the bench, participants can expect to receive invaluable insights into how opening and closing statements can be used to maximize their case at trial.

The panel discussion will feature, among other topics:

- Insights as to the goals of opening and closing statements, and how to achieve those goals;
- Tips for tailoring your approach for trial in front of judge or jury; and,
- Discussions on how to properly and effectively deal with opposing counsel

Speakers: **John McLeish**, McLeish Orlando
Paul Tushinski, Dutton Brock
The Honourable Victoria R. Chiappetta, Superior Court of Justice

Moderator: **Geoffrey L Keating**, Kostyniuk & Greenside Lawyers

Registration Fee:

Members \$150.00 + HST (\$19.50) = \$169.50; Non-Members \$175.00 + HST (\$22.75) = \$197.75

A limited amount of complimentary tickets are available to Law School Students

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