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30th Intellectual Property Law: The Year in Review



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9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Total CPD Hours = 5 h + 40 m Substantive + 50 m Professionalism ^P

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Agenda


9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.


Welcome

Monique Couture, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP

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9:05 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	Patent Update Gillian Burrell, <i>PCK IP Lawyers LLP</i> Andrew Shaughnessy, <i>Torys LLP</i>
9:55 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	Patent Update Takeaways
10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Question and Answer Session
10:15 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Copyright Update Janet N. Chong, Senior Legal Counsel, SOCAN Eric Mayzel, <i>Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP</i>
11:05 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Copyright Update Takeaways
11:15 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Question and Answer Session
11:25 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	Break
11:55 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.	Judicial Panel – the Anatomy of Decision-Making (20 m ) The Honourable Justice Nicholas McHaffie, <i>Federal Court of Canada</i> The Honourable Justice Allyson Whyte Nowak, <i>Federal Court of Canada</i>
12:25 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break

- 1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.** **Trademark Update**
Elizabeth Dipchand, *Dipchand LLP*
Alfred Macchione, *Smart & Biggar LLP*
- 2:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **Trademark Update Takeaways**
- 2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
- 2:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.** **AI in Practice – Practical Applications and Ethical Considerations (30 m )**
Al Hounsell, *Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP*
Jeffrey Kang, *Norton Rose Fulbright LLP*
- 3:10 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:35 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.** **Trade Secrets Update**
Andrew Currier, CEO, *PCK IP Lawyers LLP*
Brendan Van Niejenhuis, *Stockwoods LLP*
- 4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
- 4:30 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** **Reception**