

Civil Rules Review – A Deeper Dive into the Proposed Changes

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Agenda

1:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Welcome

Suzanne Chiodo, Assistant Professor
Osgoode Hall Law School

1:05 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Creation of the Civil Rules Review

The Honourable Chief Justice Geoffrey Morawetz
Ontario Superior Court of Justice

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of
Ontario, *Ministry of the Attorney General*

1:20 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Rationale for Reforms

The Honourable Justice Cary Boswell
Ontario Superior Court of Justice

1:45 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

Overview of Reforms

Allison Spiegel, *Speigel Nichols Fox LLP*

2:05 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Changes re: Expert Witnesses

The Honourable Justice Jennifer Bezaire
Ontario Superior Court of Justice

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Break

2:50p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Changes re: Trial Management

Jacob Damstra, *Lerners LLP*

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Question & Answer Session

3:30 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Practitioner Perspectives on the Reforms

Moderator:

Tamara Barclay, Counsel, Crown Law Office Civil
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Panelists:

TBA

4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Suzanne Chiodo, Assistant Professor
Osgoode Hall Law School

4:30 p.m.

Program Ends