

Civil Rules Review – A Deeper Dive into the Proposed Changes



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Agenda

1:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Welcome

Yashoda Ranganathan, Senior Counsel
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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. – 1:35 p.m.

Rationale for Reforms

The Honourable Justice Cary Boswell
Ontario Superior Court of Justice

1:35 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Overview of Reforms

Allison Speigel, *Speigel Nichols Fox LLP*

1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Changes re: Expert Witnesses

The Honourable Justice Jennifer Bezaire
Ontario Superior Court of Justice

2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Changes re: Trial Management

Jacob Damstra, *Lerners LLP*

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Break

2:50 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Practitioner Perspectives on the Reforms: Panel 1

Moderator:

Suzanne Chiodo, Assistant Professor, *Osgoode Hall Law School*

Panelists:	<p>Alexander Gay, General Counsel, <i>Department of Justice (Ottawa)</i></p> <p>Samantha Green, <i>Folger, Rubinoff LLP</i></p> <p>Scott McMahon, <i>O’Flynn Weese LLP</i></p> <p>Stephen Morrison, <i>Stephen Richard Morrison ADR Inc.</i></p>
3:35 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.	Practitioner Perspectives on the Reforms: Panel 2
Moderator:	Tamara Barclay, Senior Counsel, Crown Law Office Civil <i>Ministry of the Attorney General</i>
Panelists:	<p>Sarit Batner, <i>McCarthy Tétrault LLP</i></p> <p>Tom Curry, C.S., <i>Lenczner Slaght LLP</i></p> <p>Anthony Gatensby, <i>Blaney McMurtry LLP</i></p> <p>David MacDonald, C.S., <i>MacDonald Law Professional Corporation</i></p> <p>Chris Paliare, LSM, <i>Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP</i></p>
4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks
	<p>Yashoda Ranganathan, Senior Counsel Deputy Attorney General’s Office <i>Ministry of the Attorney General</i></p>
4:30 p.m.	Program Ends