

Managing, Mediating & Litigating Shareholder Disputes

Get practical insights into the latest legal developments and winning strategies and tactics, including:

- Creative uses of the oppression remedy
- Conflict of interest issues in closely-held companies
- Assessing claims and remedies in closely-held company disputes
- Litigation strategies and tactics, including how to frame a pleading, questions to ask in an examination, and keys to effective advocacy
- Accounting and valuation issues in private company litigation
- Using mediation and other techniques to proactively address management issues and preserve corporate value
- Unwinding the business – sales, restructuring and transitions
- Public company issues and developments in market misrepresentation

Plus! Take advantage of the Optional Pre-Conference Workshop:
The Fundamentals of Litigating Shareholder Disputes

Learn from a multidisciplinary faculty including more than 10 top commercial litigators and:

The Hon. Mr. Justice Laurence A. Pattillo, Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)
Domenic Marino, Vice-President, Consulting and Deals, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Robert B. Martin, Valuations, Forensics and Disputes, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Randy A. Pepper, ADR Chambers



DATE & TIME

Friday, December 7, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT/EST
Distance Learning Available

OPTIONAL WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 6, 2012
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION

Osgoode Professional
Development Centre
1 Dundas St. W., 26th Floor
Toronto, ON

CHAIRS

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Are you fully equipped to use the tools available to the parties in this challenging area?

Shareholder disputes are one of the most common – and complex – types of disputes. To achieve the best results, counsel must have a solid and up-to-date understanding of the panoply of rights and remedies available and how best to deploy them. In particular, you need to be fully current on the scope and use of the oppression remedy; exactly how and to what extent duties (including fiduciary duties) may arise on the part of those dealing with shareholder interests; and the degree to which such duties extend to other stakeholders, including creditors. At the same time, you need to be able to react quickly with the right strategies and manoeuvres or risk jeopardizing your clients' interests and assets.

This **Osgoode Professional Development** program will provide you with valuable insights into key aspects of litigating, otherwise resolving, or preventing shareholder claims and disputes. Plus, if you are new to the area, or simply want a refresher on the essentials, you can attend the optional half-day pre-conference workshop, ***The Fundamentals of Litigating Shareholder Disputes***.

Don't miss this opportunity to bolster your knowledge and skills in this critical and growing area of commercial litigation practice.

Register now by visiting www.osgoodepd.ca, **calling** 416.597.9724 **or** 1.888.923.3394, **emailing** opd-registration@osgoode.yorku.ca **or faxing** 416.597.9736.

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8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcome and Introduction from the Chairs

9:05 Oppression Remedy Update

Catherine Francis, Minden Gross LLP

David S. Morritt, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

- Influential oppression cases and trends in the courts' approach
- The key elements in proving oppression
- How are the courts assessing "reasonable expectations"?
- The present status of the business judgment rule
- Creative uses of the oppression remedy
- The value of the oppression remedy to creditors

10:00 Corporate Governance Considerations in Shareholder Disputes

James C. Tory, Torsys LLP

Adrian C. Lang, Stikeman Elliott LLP

- Key recent cases on director, officer, and employee duties
- Who owes duties to whom, and in what capacity?
- Fiduciary obligations among principals of closely-held companies
- Interaction of fiduciary claims with oppression claims
- Assessing the conduct of directors and officers
- Conflicts of interest and due diligence requirements

10:50 Refreshment Break

11:00 Divorce for Shareholders: Managing the Closely Held Company Breakdown

In four sessions, this distinguished faculty will review the practical and substantive points to keep in mind when shareholder relations sour. They will look at protecting individual interests while salvaging the value of the corporation, litigation practice points, and ways to potentially resolve disputes without going to court. An expert business valuator will cover key financial issues.

Part I: Preliminary Considerations and Interim Remedies

Markus Koehnen, McMillan LLP

Jonathan Lisus, Lax O'Sullivan Scott Lisus LLP

- Assessing your claims and remedies: Oppression? Fiduciary duty? Breach of the shareholders agreement? Derivative actions?
- Assessing reasonable expectations
- Types of conduct likely to be found oppressive
- Managing interim relief:
 - interim management use of a monitor or inspector
 - access to books and records
 - restraining conduct, excluding parties, and other injunctive-type relief
- Non-competition and confidentiality obligations

12:00 Luncheon

12:45 Part II: Advancing or Defending the Case – Pleadings, Evidence and Litigation Considerations

The Hon. Mr. Justice Laurence A. Pattillo
Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)

Peter Wardle, Wardle Daley Bernstein LLP

- Practical tips and strategies for bringing or responding to an application or action for an oppression remedy
- Developing supportive evidence and responding to damaging evidence
- What to do if a competitive business is launched?
- Effective presentation of your case at trial

2:00 Part III: Accounting and Valuation Issues

Allan D. Coleman, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

Robert B. Martin, Valuations, Forensics & Disputes
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

- When should you bring in a financial expert?
- Roles for the financial expert
- Analysis and methods for valuing the business
- Categories of documents you should seek from opposing parties to assist your expert in preparing a valuation
- Best approaches to developing settlement positions

2:45 Refreshment Break

3:00 Part IV: Preserving Enterprise Value and Resolving Issues Outside of Court

Orestes Pasparakis, Norton Rose Canada LLP

Randy A. Pepper, ADR Chambers

- Dealing with personal conflicts and antagonism among parties
- Non-judicial approaches to working around deadlock
- Confronting management issues without disrupting business
- Terminating employees who are shareholders
- Using mediation to achieve resolutions outside of court
- Is arbitration a better alternative to the Commercial List?

3:30 The Future of the Business: Sales, Restructurings, and Transitions

Michael E. Barrack, Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP

- Structuring buyouts
- Carve-up of the business
- Sale of all or part of the business
- Dealing with professional managers or receivers
- Generational transition: the most valuable tips gleaned from experience

4:15 Public Companies and Market Disclosure and Misrepresentation Actions

Dimitri Lascaris, Siskinds LLP

Matthew Milne-Smith, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP

- Oppression and stakeholder claims involving public companies
- Recent cases and their implications, including *Timminco Ltd.* (limitation periods) and *Canadian Solar* (jurisdiction)
- The interaction with securities regulators

5:00 Program Concludes

Agenda [Cont'd]

Optional Pre-Conference Workshop

The Fundamentals of Litigating Shareholder Disputes

Thursday, December 6: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Webcast attendance is not available for the workshop.

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Geared to those who want a review of the key elements of litigating shareholder disputes, this half-day pre-conference workshop will update you on the essentials and help you get the most out of the conference.

Topics include:

- Overview of the basic principles, legislation and caselaw
- Determining when to use the oppression remedy
- The key elements in proving oppression
- Fiduciary obligations in closely-held companies
- Assessing your claims and remedies
- Framing your pleadings: application or action?
- The basics of valuing a business

You will come away from this workshop with a solid grounding in the basic legal and practice considerations and solutions in shareholder litigation, along with an awareness of commonly-encountered pitfalls and how to avoid them.

This workshop is interactive with plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. Book now as workshop size is strictly limited.



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