

THE CIVIL LITIGATOR'S GUIDE TO TRIBUNAL ADVOCACY



Dispute resolution in the administrative law context differs from traditional civil litigation – and the skills needed for success in preparing and presenting cases before tribunals are also distinctive.

This new program provides insightful commentary *and* the opportunity to hone your tribunal advocacy skills in learn-by-doing workshops. Topics include:

- The courtroom habits that don't work in the tribunal context
- Understanding what drives your particular tribunal and how this influences your case
- The elements of success in prehearings, negotiations, and resolution of some or all issues without a hearing
- Using and/or creating summary dismissal processes
- How to raise and argue *Charter* issues before the tribunal
- Best approaches to the use of expert witnesses in administrative proceedings
- Your role in assisting the tribunal to understand the applicable law
- Balancing the need for rules with the need for fairness

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Preparing for and conducting hearings before administrative tribunals presents challenges to the advocate which are distinct from those that arise in civil litigation. Counsel must understand these distinct challenges in order to put forward their clients' best case.

This new *OsgoodePD* program will help you meet these challenges. It will not only deepen your understanding of the decision-making process of a broad range of tribunals, but will also highlight proven strategies for making the process work for you and your clients. An optional second day will provide you with the opportunity to apply what you've learned to a realistic case study. You'll be able to practice your skills and to receive constructive, practical feedback from experienced faculty drawn from both the private and government bars. Emphasis will be placed on practical solutions rather than counsels of perfection. You'll leave with an enhanced toolkit of techniques and approaches, and with the conviction that there is indeed such an animal as "tribunal advocacy" that you can master!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This program is ideally suited for legal professionals with some prior litigation experience and interest in or exposure to administrative tribunals.



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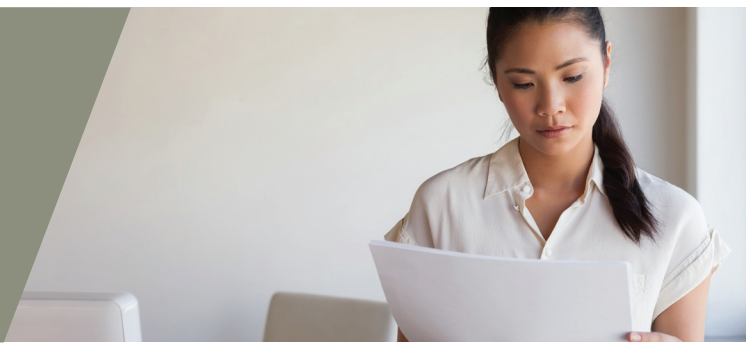
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Unlock the secrets of effective persuasion that apply to a broad variety of administrative tribunals



AGENDA

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5, 2016

8:30

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00

Chairs' Welcome and Introductory Remarks

9:10

What's Distinctive About Tribunal Advocacy?

JORDAN GLICK, *WeirFoulds LLP*

DANIEL M. HUFFAKER, *Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario), Constitutional Law Branch*

Given the diversity of tribunals and of the policies giving rise to them, to what extent can we speak of "tribunal advocacy" as a unified body of techniques that advocates can master and use?

- Common themes and practices across the tribunal spectrum
 - The impact of key provisions of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*
- What differentiates tribunal advocacy from courtroom advocacy and what shifts must counsel undergo to be as effective at one as at the other?
 - Which courtroom habits actually hamper tribunal advocates?
- Do different categories of tribunals – licensing, prosecution-based and benefit-based – raise different advocacy issues?
 - Making the determination of which skills to use before a given tribunal

10:00

Understanding What Drives Your Particular Tribunal

ALEXANDRA S. CLARK, *Director, Enforcement Litigation, Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC)*

JEAN-CLAUDE KILLEY, *Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP*

- What jurisdictional issues are most common and most troublesome?
 - Jurisdiction over parties
 - Jurisdiction over subject-matter
 - Jurisdiction over remedies

- What are the roles of the various parties?

- Panel members
- Tribunal counsel
- Prosecutors

10:45

Refreshment Break

11:00

Investigation and Discovery In Tribunal Proceedings

i. The Advocate's Role at Prehearing Stage - Investigation and Discovery

LONNY J. ROSEN, *Rosen Sunshine LLP*

AMY BLOCK, *College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*

- Does your client have a right to disclosure at the prehearing stage?
- Are there reciprocal disclosure obligations?
- To what extent (if any) is your client obliged to participate in the investigation?
- When can clients' statements be used against them?

ii. The Advocate's Role in Negotiations and Resolution

REBECCA C. DURCAN, *Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc*

OWEN REES, *Stockwoods LLP*

GARY YEE, *Licence Appeal Tribunal, Safety, Licensing Appeals and Standards Tribunals Ontario (SLASTO)*

- What are the processes available at various tribunals to encourage resolution short of a hearing?
 - At what stage of the process is resolution available?
 - Are there formal systems in place?
 - Effective use of informal discussions/tactics
- When to encourage resolution, in light of your professional obligation to do so *where appropriate*
- Negotiations short of full resolution
 - Case management
 - How to make a hearing more efficient
 - Addressing preliminary issues up front

AGENDA (Cont'd)

12:30

Lunch

1:15

The Hearing

i. Motions Before the Tribunal

SYLVIA DAVIS, *Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario), Legal Services Branch, Environment and Climate Change*

- Defining the scope of the proceeding: is a motion necessary?
- Balancing the need for the motion against the pressure to ensure an efficient process
- Using and/or creating summary dismissal processes
- Excluding evidence: arguments of law and/or efficiency
- How do you get in front of the tribunal before the hearing?
 - What are the operative rules?
 - Who should you communicate with – the Registrar? Tribunal Counsel?
 - Should the motion be heard before the ultimate decisionmaker/hearing panel?

1:50

ii. The Charter and the Tribunal

ADRIENNE TELFORD, *Cavalluzzo Shilton McIntyre Cornish LLP*

- What is the scope of a tribunal's *Charter* jurisdiction?
- How do *Charter* issues arise before a tribunal?
 - Validity of governing legislation
 - Statutory interpretation aids
 - Limits on the exercise of discretion
- How should a *Charter* issue be raised before the tribunal?
 - Is a Notice of Constitutional Question required?
 - Must/should the constitutional issue be bifurcated?
- Is special evidence required to support a *Charter* challenge?

iii. Calling Evidence Before the Tribunal

KRISTI SEBALJ, *Registrar and Senior Legal Counsel, Ontario Energy Board*

- What are the operative Rules?
 - Does the *SPPA* govern and why does that matter?
 - Strict rules of evidence vs. ensuring fairness
- Thinking outside of the trial box: evidence by way of affidavit, expert witness panels
- Are experts bound by the requirements of Rule 53? Is there an equivalent tribunal rule?
 - The role of lay (non-independent) experts before a technical board or tribunal

2:50

Refreshment Break

3:00

iv. Legal Argument Before the Tribunal

BONNI ELLIS, *Lerners LLP*

- How to help the tribunal make sense of the legal issues
- What is the tribunal's expertise and what aspects of the case fall outside it?
- Crafting written submissions to tribunals: are they just factums, or something else?
- Opening statements: when to make them and what should you say?

3:45

Final Questions From the Floor

4:00

Day One Concludes

DAY 2: THURSDAY OCTOBER 6, 2016

This skills training day will track the progress of a hypothetical administrative law file, and will open with plenary sessions providing you with the context you will need to maximize your participation in the skills workshops. In the small-group breakout sessions you will have ample opportunity to practice the techniques you have learned – and receive individualized feedback from our experienced faculty. Rounding out the day, the faculty will conduct a 'debriefing' plenary session, in which they will add additional commentary and tips as well as further directions for developing mastery in this challenging practice area. *Lunch included.*

8:30

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00

Introduction to the Case Study/Fact Scenario That Will Guide the Day's Exercises

Assessing the Strengths and Weaknesses of the Case

Participants will be divided into groups representing the opposing parties. The faculty will lead discussion as to the 'good facts/bad facts' facing each side. Also discussed:

- What evidence will be needed?
- How will it be obtained and marshalled?
- Do any preliminary motions need to be brought?

Preparing Your Case Brief

The faculty will demonstrate a mini-opening, mini-examination of a main witness and cross-examination of an opposing witness; then lead discussion and assist each small group in the preparation of witness outlines, opening statements and closings.

AGENDA (Cont'd)

Conducting Your Case

The faculty will now act as the decisionmakers. Participants will be divided into new groups and conduct a mini-hearing, the faculty providing a constructive critique of each presentation.

- Openings
- Examination of witnesses
- Cross-examinations
- Presentation of exhibits
- Closings

Debrief on the Mini-Hearings (full group)

The small groups will come together for a closing plenary session, with the faculty leading discussion on the most pertinent points emerging from the exercises, as well as further exploring the ethical and professional issues confronting counsel throughout the preparation and presentation of the case.

4:00

Program Concludes

Counsel conducting the sessions and offering individual feedback:

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Talitha Nabbali, *Civil Litigation Section, Department of Justice (Canada)*

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