

Thursday, September 13, 2018

19:00 – 21:00

Opening Cocktail Reception

Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art

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Friday, September 14, 2018

8:30 – 9:00

Registration and Breakfast

Hyatt Regency Vancouver

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9:00 – 9:15

Conference Co- Chairs' Opening Remarks

Vicki Tickle, McMillan LLP (*Vancouver, BC*)

Kimberley A. Robertson, Lawson Lundell LLP (*Vancouver, BC*)

9:15 – 10:00

Bricks and Mortars: Even Giants Fall

Since 2017 the demise of retail giants such as Target, Payless, and Sears, shows a change in the retail landscape as it changes from bricks and mortar retail to online shopping. This panel will explore the issues that arise when retail fails, including valuation and liquidation issues, landlord claims, and the optics of KERP plans.

Speakers:

David Bish, Torys LLP (*Toronto, ON*)

Jeff Levine, McMillan LLP (*Toronto, ON*)

Tracy Sandler, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP (*Toronto, ON*)

Karen Fellows, DLA Piper Canada LLP (*Calgary, AB*)

Tom Powell, Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. (*Vancouver, BC*)

10:00 – 10:45

The Rise of Technology: The "IT" Industry

If technology is the "IT" industry, will it be the new industry for insolvency professionals to watch? By its very nature, and the nature of its stakeholders, an insolvent tech file is a file all of its own, involving the "big ideas" of a hopeful entrepreneur, big money from of unsophisticated investors all hoping to hit the next big thing. This panel will review some of the issues that arise when dealing with IT, including how to value, market, protect and realize on the next big idea.

Moderator:

Tevia Jeffries, Dentons Canada LLP (*Vancouver, BC*)

Speakers:

Lance Williams, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP (*Vancouver, BC*)

Kathryn Esaw, Stikeman Elliott LLP (*Toronto, ON*)

Jeff Keeble, Deloitte (*Vancouver, BC*)

10:45 – 11:00

BREAK



11:00 – 12:30

Annual Cross-Canada Update

The flagship panel features 5 leading insolvency lawyers from across Canada presenting the latest interesting and impactful case law from coast to coast.

Speakers: **Jean-Yves Simard**, Lavery, De Billy LLP (*Montréal, QC*)
Julia Parent, Stewart McKelvey (*Saint John, NB*)
Miranda Spence, Aird & Berlis LLP (*Toronto, ON*)
David Jackson, Taylor McCaffrey LLP (*Winnipeg, ON*)
Dana Nowak, MLT Aikins LLP (*Edmonton, AB*)

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12:30 – 14:00

Luncheon Keynote | Building Healthier and More Productive Workplace Cultures

Speaker: **Chris Johnson**, (*Vancouver, BC*)

14:00 – 14:45

Raising the Ire of the Pensioner: Whose claims should be preferred?

As demands for statutory reform to address pension obligations in an insolvency rise post Sears, this panel will debate the issue from both sides of the pension fence, and maybe even change your opinion on the issue!

Moderator: **Jonathan McNair**, Wolrige Mahon LLP (*Vancouver, BC*)

Speaker: **Susan Philpott**, Goldblatt Partners LLP (*Toronto, ON*)
Fergus McDonnell, Fasken Martineau Dumoulin LLP (*Vancouver, BC*)

14:45 – 15:30

See no Evil, Speak No Evil: Ethical considerations

Leading legal and accounting professionals will discuss how they would react to a series of hypothetical ethical dilemmas in an insolvency matter: to protect the innocent, the stories will be fictional and not depict any actual person or event... although *possibly* inspired in part by true incidents....

Speakers: **Sarah Nelligan**, Miller Thomson LLP (*Vancouver, BC*)
Lisa Hiebert, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (*Vancouver, BC*)
Charla Smith, Hardie & Kelley Inc. (*Calgary, AB*)
Mario Mainella, The Bowra Group & Member of the Professional Conduct Committee for CAIRP (*Vancouver, BC*)
Master Robert W. McDiarmid, Supreme Court of British Columbia (*Kamloops, BC*)

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15:30 – 15:45

BREAK



15:45 – 16:30

**Better to Fail with Honour than Succeed by Fraud: Sophacles Notwithstanding
Sophacles, even frauds can fail.**

From Ponzi schemes to misappropriation and breaches of trust, fraud continues to rise and fall. This Panel will look at the issues that come up when acting on a matter with a suspected fraud, whether for the debtor, creditor, or other stakeholder including how to prove a fraud, and, when dealing with claims against directors and officers, whether it may be better to remain silent and not use the “f” word at all.

Moderator: **Catherine Palmer**, BC Securities Commission (*Vancouver, BC*)

Speakers: **Michael Nowina**, Baker McKenzie LLP (*Toronto, ON*)
Mark Russell, HSM Chambers (George Town, Grand Cayman)
William Roberts, Lawson Lundell LLP (*Vancouver, BC*)
Sheldon Title, MNP Ltd. (*Toronto, ON*)

16:30 – 16:45

Closing Remarks

16:45

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