

# PROSECUTING AND DEFENDING PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE CASES 2022

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Sophia Ruddock  
Ontario Nurses Association

The essential update you need to succeed in this challenging area of litigation.

In the professional discipline process, a thorough and current understanding of substantive law, procedure, and strategic considerations is a must.

Whether you are a lawyer defending a professional in disciplinary proceedings or represent a regulator, this annual program gives you the tools you need. Covering all aspects of a file, including:

- Key duties and powers in the professional regulatory milieu
- The investigation phase: early resolution, examinations, inquiries, and interviews
- Pre-hearing preparations and proceedings: what you need to know for 2022 and beyond
- The discipline hearing: emerging issues, advocacy tips, and cost strategies

**Faculty includes regulators from:** the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, Law Society of Ontario, and IIROC.

## PROGRAM CHAIRS

Jeremy Devereux and  
Linda Fuerst of  
Norton Rose Fulbright  
Canada LLP

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April 19, 2022:

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# Prosecuting and Defending Professional Discipline Cases 2022

The stakes are high in professional discipline proceedings. For the professional, years of education and experience, reputation, and livelihood are on the line. For the regulator, there is pressure to vigorously protect the public interest and respond to allegations of misconduct, incompetence, or incapacity in a fair and timely manner.

This annual *OsgoodePD* program brings together an outstanding faculty of professional regulatory defence and prosecution counsel to share insights and provide a thorough review of the essentials you must know to succeed in this area. Working through all aspects of file, including:

## The Investigative Phase

- Duties and powers
- Examinations, interviews, and inquiries
- Prospects for early resolution
- Navigating your client through the process

## Pre-Hearing Preparations and Proceedings

- Familiarizing yourself with tribunal practices
- Pursuing/resisting interim orders
- The right to a hearing within a reasonable time

## The Discipline Hearing

- Factors affecting the determination of the appropriate penalties
- Costs: considerations and strategies

## Topics Include

- The duties and powers of regulators throughout the discipline process
- Examinations, interviews, inquiries: impact of virtual proceedings, process changes
- Strategy for imposition of interim orders and interpretation
- The impact of parallel investigations and proceedings
- Conduct of hearing: in writing/electronic/oral presentation
- Challenging a professional discipline decision
- Changing societal values and expectations impacting disciplinary proceedings and decisions

## Who Should Attend

- Counsel who represent regulated professionals
- Counsel who prosecute on behalf of professional regulators
- Investigators and staff of professional regulatory bodies
- Members of complaints and discipline committees

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## Agenda

9:00 a.m.

**Chairs' Welcome & Introductory Remarks**

9:05 a.m.

### Assessing Duties and Powers

#### Jaen Lilles

Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP

#### Natasha Danson

Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc

The opening segment will provide a succinct review of the duties and investigative powers of professional regulatory bodies, along with the common legal tools for challenging them.

- Challenging use of the power to summons
- Challenging ex parte investigation orders
- Duties of investigators and regulatory college staff
  - Duty of good faith, neutrality and reasonableness
  - Duty to provide notice of complaint or investigation
- The professional's duty to co-operate and its limits
  - Availability of protections against compelled testimony
  - Co-operating with a power to inquire into and examine

9:50 a.m.

### Documentary Requests and Production

#### Robert Barbiero

Torkin Manes LLP

#### Sandeep J. Joshi

Tyr LLP

As is so often the case in contested matters, competence in managing the production/requests for documentary evidence is a must in professional regulatory hearings. Delve into the vital issues, including:

- Demands for production
  - Preservation and protection of electronic records
  - Results of internal investigations and privilege
  - PIPEDA obligations and privacy issues
  - Limits on the power to inspect
  - How production demands might affect disclosure obligations
- Anticipating the use of search and seizure powers
  - What to do when an investigator arrives with a warrant
- Charter considerations at the production stage
- Solicitor-client privilege
  - What can be claimed; challenging claims

10:35 a.m.

## Break

10:50 a.m.

## Examinations, Interviews, Inquiries

### Patricia L. D’Heureux

Cavalluzzo LLP

### Dena N. Varah

Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP

Professional regulators must follow detailed procedures outlined by their own enabling statutes, as well as laws and rules of more general application, when looking into the impugned conduct of their members. Delve into essential facets of the investigative process:

- Best practices for preparing the client
- Entitlement to pre-examination disclosure
- Prudent practices and planning for the conduct of investigations
- The privilege against self-incrimination
- The impact of parallel investigations by police or other agencies on examinations

11:35 a.m.

## Preparing for the Hearing

### Adam Patenaude

Lerners LLP

### Nisha Dhanoa

Discipline Counsel, Litigation Services,  
Law Society of Ontario

Once a case has advanced to the hearing stage, a whole set of important considerations come into play. This session will provide a thorough overview of the process and necessary steps:

- Familiarizing yourself with the tribunal practices
- Pre-hearing conferences
- Anticipating the other side’s positions
- Severing allegations or respondents: strategic considerations
- Witness preparation
  - Interviewing witnesses preliminary to hearing
  - Vulnerable witnesses
- Materials preparation
  - Assessing expert reports: do you need a reply report?
  - Conduct of hearing: in writing/electronic/oral presentation
- Disclosure, including:
  - How to determine if disclosure is complete
  - Procedures for challenging adequacy of disclosure
  - Obtaining access to third-party documents
- Getting information about staff conduct

- Applying the implied undertaking rule

- Initial fairness issues:

- The right to counsel and adjournments
- Alleging bias
- Validity and interpretation of the definition of misconduct

12:35 p.m.

## Lunch Break

1:15 p.m.

## Interim Proceedings: Scope and Strategy

### Glynnis Hawe

Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

Interim proceedings are often overlooked. However, these are a crucial phase of professional discipline matters. Gain a critical understanding of this process and recent developments:

- Interim order powers under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*
- A review of key case law
- The consequences of interim orders on future prosecutions and penalties

1:45 p.m.

## The Hearing: Penalties, Costs, Settlements

### Rebecca C. Durcan

Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc

### Sylvia Samuel

Senior Enforcement Counsel, IIROC

Addressing best practices, this session will examine the crucial issues that advocates should always consider at the hearing stage of a case.

- Pitfalls of settlement: avoiding or addressing them
- Using admissions made in other proceedings
- Is it possible to negotiate too good a deal?
- Penalty guidelines and the use of prior decisions
- Effective evidence and its presentation
- Assessment of costs in disciplinary proceedings
- Challenging the tribunal staff’s claim for costs

2:30 p.m.

## Break

2:45 p.m.

## The Impact of the *Jordan* and *Blencoe* cases on Professional Discipline Cases: Reasonableness and Delay in Prosecutions

### Lisa Freeman

Barrister & Solicitor

### Samara Secter

Addario Law Group LLP

The landmark criminal case of *R. v. Jordan* has also impacted regulatory prosecutions, including professional disciplinary matters.

Is *Jordan* the new champion, or is *Blencoe v. B.C. (Human Rights Commission)* still throwing check hooks? Learn how the professional discipline process has been affected by the evolving standard and analytical framework for reasonable time limits for prosecutions, what prosecutors and defence counsel need to know, the remedies available to respondents, as well as situations where exceptions may apply.

3:15 p.m.

## Court Challenges to Professional Discipline Decisions

### Lisa Brownstone

Chief Legal Officer, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

What is the process for challenging a decision rendered by the disciplinary panel? Evaluate the evidentiary hurdles and legal standards involved, as well as important factors that influence decision making. The session will cover:

- The level of deference afforded to disciplinary bodies on questions of law upon judicial review
- Interpreting originating statutes
- Changing societal values and behavioral expectations reflected in disciplinary hearing decisions

3:45 p.m.

## Ethical and Professional Issues in Professional Discipline Practice

### Raj Anand

WeirFoulds LLP

Using realistic fact situations that illustrate how to effectively address practice quandaries that you will face sooner or later in professional discipline work, you will analyze:

- Best practices for representation
- How to be a respectful, yet effective, advocate
- Understanding and managing ethical dilemmas.

Given the complexity of the issues, and evolving obligations, there will be ample time for questions and discussion.

4:30 p.m.

## Program Ends

“Really got a lot of value out of the day.”

Marianne Wright, Unit Commander, Legal Services,  
Toronto Police Service

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Keith Hadden, Executive Staff Officer, The Alberta Teachers' Association

*“Covered an exceptionally broad scope of substantive and practical considerations in a condensed time period.”*

Jason W. J. Woycheshyn, Bennett Jones LLP

*“Panels were uniformly excellent.”*

James B. Camp, Camp Advocacy P.C.

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