

Summary Judgment Motions Four Years after *Hryniak*

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5:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Registration at 5:00 p.m.)

TLA Lawyers Lounge, 2nd Floor, 361 University Avenue Court House

In 2014, the Supreme Court in *Hryniak* mandated a “culture shift” by saying more cases should be determined by summary judgment motions. They enhance access to justice as a cheaper, faster alternative to full trials. Thus, in the last four years, this formerly under-used procedure has become one of the most important tools of civil litigators.

This topical program will update you on post-*Hryniak* developments pertinent to your practice. Our diverse panel of experts, comprising a veteran motions judge and litigation counsel, will provide their unique perspective and useful information and advice.

Specific topics include:

- strategic considerations and best practices for counsel bringing or defending summary judgment motions
- practical tips about whether to proceed by summary judgment, partial summary judgment or a full trial
- trends in the pertinent case law applying Rule 20 and recent Ontario Court of Appeal decisions departing from *Hryniak* (i.e. [Butera v. Chown, Cairns LLP, 2017 ONCA 783](#))
- the evidence (oral or written) that should be adduced so that parties can put their “best foot forward”
- available court resources for the “culture shift” mandated by *Hryniak* and judges’ expanded fact-finding powers
- empirical research into the number and results of summary judgment motions
- brief historical overview of Rule 20.

Speakers: **Mr. Justice Paul Perell**, Ontario Superior Court of Justice
Stephen Ross, Rogers Partners LLP
Moya Graham, McCarthy Tétrault LLP
Brooke MacKenzie, MacKenzie Barristers

Moderator: **Christina Porretta**, Dentons Canada LLP

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