

SETTING UP/KNOCKING DOWN ASSET PROTECTION STRUCTURES

Where law, professional ethics and forensics meet – do you have the information and strategies you need in this essential area of practice?

A multidisciplinary faculty of experts address creditor-proofing, reviewable transactions, debtor-creditor litigation and key related areas, including:

- How far can the lawyer safely go in setting up an asset protection regime?
- Overview of critical insolvency laws
- Underused remedies in pursuing debtor's assets (and how to use them)
- What Canadian professionals can learn from the US experience
- The state of the art of asset location and recovery in home and foreign jurisdictions, including chasing assets across the 'wired world'

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Bob Klotz
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Steven Weisz
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Date and Time

April 23, 2019
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In Person or Webcast

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**Osgoode Professional
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Toronto, ON

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Debtors have always been interested in effective shields; just as creditors have sought powerful swords.

It has never been more important for corporations and individuals to shield their assets from creditors, and for creditors to bring expertise and creativity to bear on their quest to pursue every possible avenue for recovery. At the same time, professionals advising in this area must be vigilant to ever-present risks to their reputation and integrity while providing effective representation and counsel.

OsgoodePD's unique program, **Setting Up/Knocking Down Asset Protection Structures**, will provide you with a tangible edge in acting for either side. Leading corporate lawyers from across North America, commercial litigators, forensic experts, tax lawyers and insolvency lawyers will provide candid and practical insights on the strengths, weaknesses and risks of various strategies.

- The leading and recent law which advisors, business lawyers and commercial litigators must know
- Lessons drawn from the long practical experience of Canadian and U.S. counsel
- Reflections from the Bench on what the Court looks for from counsel in assessing whether an asset protection regime should stand or fall
- Guidance on how counsel can address the substantial ethical and professional issues in this contentious area, so as to best meet client needs without compromising one's integrity and reputation

Who Should Attend

- Corporate-commercial lawyers who are consulted on asset protection schemes
- Insolvency lawyers
- Commercial litigators
- Tax counsel
- Investment and tax accountants
- Forensic accountants
- Financial planners and advisors

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Agenda

8:30 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m.

Chairs' Welcome and Introductory Remarks

9:05 a.m.

Asset Protection: Essential Background Law and Recent Developments for Corporate Lawyers and Litigators

Chris Burr

Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

This session will highlight key sections of the BIA, CCAA, Criminal Code and other relevant legislation, with leading caselaw. A firm foundation for the exploration of strategic and tactical considerations over the day.

- Protected assets: what's exigible, what isn't?
- Significance of the distinction between fraudulent conveyances and fraud
- The most effective creditors' remedies for challenging asset protection structures

10:00 a.m.

Creditor-Proofing: What's Workable, What's Permissible and What Crosses the Line

Bob Klotz

Klotz Associates

In creditor-proofing situations, you must address the triple risks of criminal liability, civil liability and prosecution for professional misconduct, and the varying standards applicable to each. Bob Klotz will assess the difficulties and identify realistic solutions regarding the nature and scope of advice you can safely provide.

- Dealing with pressures from clients, colleagues and referral sources to enter the ‘gray zone’
- Can counsel effect a transaction in a value-free manner? Drawing the line between “mere legal advisor” and “principal actor in the transaction”
- Constructing an ethical safety net to protect yourself
- Where fraud is alleged, how will courts exercise their discretion to protect or withdraw solicitor-client privilege?

10:45 a.m.

Refreshment Break

11:00 a.m.

What’s a Nice Lawyer Like You Doing in a Place Like This? Ethical and Professional Issues in Asset Protection

The Honourable Robert A. Blair, Q.C.

Arbitration Place

Patricia Donlevy-Rosen

Donlevy-Rosen & Rosen, P.A.

Alex Ilchenko

Pallett Valo LLP

Moderator

Steven Weisz

Brauti Thorning Zibarras LLP

Building on the previous session, this panel brings U.S. and Canadian expertise to bear on the tough judgment calls to be made in asset protection scenarios where too few clear guideposts exist.

- When is it too late in the day to protect effectively against potential creditor claims?
- The line between prudent planning and fraud – how far can you go, as a matter of professionalism and prudence?

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Off-Shore Asset Protection Strategies

Fraser Hughes

Conyers, Dill & Pearman

Keiran Hutchison

EY Cayman Ltd.

Howard Rosen

Donlevy-Rosen & Rosen, P.A.

Steven Weisz

Brauti Thorning Zibarras LLP

A discussion on strategies for structuring off-shore investments, potential regulatory challenges, and legal disputes that can arise.

2:00 p.m.

Pleadings and Advocacy Workshop

Olha Senyshyn

Osgoode Business Clinic

Steven Weisz

Brauti Thorning Zibarras LLP

Jason Woycheshyn

Bennett Jones LLP

This interactive workshop will address essential skills for planning, preparing and reviewing commercial pleadings and provide practical guidance on effective advocacy in debtor-creditor legal proceedings.

- Persuasive drafting
- Procedural considerations
- Forensic and strategic approaches
- How to be an effective advocate without going too far

3:05 p.m.

Refreshment Break

3:20 p.m.

Chasing Assets Around a Wired World

Sandy Boucher

Grant Thornton LLP

Jennie Chan

PWC

Shayne Kukulowicz

Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

Howard D. Rosen

Donlevy-Rosen & Rosen, P.A.

David Ward

Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

A fast-moving, still-evolving area in which corporate clients and their counsel pit their wits and ingenuity against creditors’ litigation counsel and the forensic experts who assist them. Speakers of diverse experience and expertise will share their most timely tips and insights.

- Locating, identifying, freezing and recovering assets
- Safeguarding assets during the course of an investigation
- How to be aggressive without going over the line
- Meeting standards of ethical conduct without invasion of privacy or breach of confidentiality
- Working with counsel in other jurisdictions to facilitate cross-border and international asset tracing
- Harnessing the power of forensic technology tools
- Obtaining evidence for freeze orders in multiple jurisdictions

5:00 p.m.

Program Ends

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P. Daniel LeDressay
Barrister & Solicitor, Vancouver B.C and past Chair, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Subsection, Canadian Bar Association – B.C.

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