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8th Annual Current Topics in Ethics & Professionalism: *Do Lawyers Have an Ethical Obligation to Defend the Unpopular?*

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

5:15 – 7:20 p.m. (Registration at 5:00 p.m.)

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

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In its 8th year, the TLA has organized another thought-provoking program. Join your colleagues for 2 hours of Professionalism Content that will leave you informed and inspired. Space is limited!

For many lawyers, taking on an unpopular cause is viewed as a post of honour. The oath that lawyers swear in Ontario mandates that they “not refuse causes of complaint reasonably founded.” This implies an objective standard, one of a reasonable person. But, what about a lawyer’s conscience? At what point should the lawyer’s own moral compass be involved in the decision to take on a client or cause?

In a growing age of unease, this program is designed to allow lawyers to reflect and offer new insights on how they see themselves and their work. Our panel of practitioners and experts will discuss the following considerations that are important for every lawyer, barrister or solicitor:

- The competing obligations between one’s professionalism and personal identity.
- The fact that the lawyer will not be liked by everyone, or may even make enemies when taking on certain causes or clients.
- The need to find something human in a client with whom you have nothing in common, or may even find reprehensible.
- The public and media scrutiny when taking on an unpopular cause or client.

Speakers: **Saron Gebresellasi**, Owner and Partner at Saron Legal PC
Carol Hansell, Senior Partner at Hansell LLP
Danielle Robitaille, Partner at Henein Hutchison LLP
Jaime Watt, Executive Chairman of Navigator Ltd.

Keynote Speaker and Moderator:

Philip Slayton, author of *How To Be Good: The Struggle Between Law and Ethics*

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Registration Fee:

Members \$120.00 + HST (\$15.60) = \$135.60; Articling Members \$45.00 + HST (\$5.85) = \$50.85

Non-Members \$150.00 + HST (\$19.50) = \$169.50

A limited amount of complimentary tickets are available to Law School Students

No refunds after October 10, 2018. An administrative fee of \$25.00 will be applied to all cancellations.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Space is limited, no walk-ins.

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