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Practices at Gowling WLG LLP.

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NADINE BLUM

Nadine Blum has a diverse practice in the areas of labour and human rights law and class action litigation at Goldblatt Partners LLP. In her labour practice, Nadine represents union clients in the public, educational and hospital sectors and represents clients in mediation, arbitration and in bargaining. She is currently co-teaching the Labour Relations Simulation course in the Work and Labour Studies Program at York University. Nadine has a particular interest in consumer class actions and has acted as co-counsel in a number of recent plaintiff-side cases, including the recently certified case of *Bernstein v. Peoples Trust Company*, which challenges various fees associated with prepaid “credit” cards. Outside of work, Nadine can be found advocating for better childcare and she and her colleague were recently behind a campaign that resulted in the banning of daycare waitlist fees in Ontario.

IAN HU

Ian is counsel, Claims Prevention and practicePRO at LAWPRO. His mandate is to help lawyers minimize their risk for claims and develop practice management skills. He's a former Vice President of the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers and has mentored students and young lawyers. He is passionate about diversity on the bar and on the bench. He is a regularly invited speaker on issues concerning the legal profession. Before joining LAWPRO Ian worked at various sizes and types of law firms, including in-house at a bank, a mid-size litigation boutique, and plaintiff-side personal injury firms. Ian is active in social media as a blogger for avoidclaim.com, on LinkedIn, and on twitter @IanHuLawpro.

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MICHAEL SWINDLEY

Michael is a partner at Templeman Menninga LLP practicing primarily in the area of civil litigation (insurance defence), as well as in family law. His specialization is in personal injury defence and professional (real estate agent and police) negligence defence. He is a Trial lawyer by nature, and generally is involved in multiple hearings annually. Michael also teaches Trial Advocacy at Queen's University Law School, and has done so since 2015 Michael's focus is on practice efficiency and the highest possible client service standards, by utilizing cutting edge current technology. Of course, this also means that he is the de facto tech-guy in the office some of the older less-tech-savvy lawyers at Templeman Menninga.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JAMIE K. TRIMBLE

Justice Trimble articulated with, then practiced with Hughes Amys LLP, following his call to the Bar in 1989. In his 25 years as a lawyer, he had a broad litigation practice focusing in disputes involving insurance, tort, negligence, professional negligence, construction and contracts. In 2001, Justice Trimble became a certified Risk Manager and a Certified Specialist in Civil Litigation. For the last 10 years of his practice, Trimble was recognized by *L'Expert* as a leading litigator in Commercial Insurance. Trimble's extra-curricular activities focused on professional excellence. Trimble has been a member of OBA since his days at Osgoode Hall Law School. He has held many positions with OBA including chair of the Civil Litigation Section in 1996-98 and OBA President in 2008-09, and has been a member of and/or chaired numerous committees including being the first chair of the Toronto Mentoring Committee. He was one of the lead mentors and teachers at his former firm. He spoke, and continues to speak, at professional development programs for the OBA, Law Society, Advocates Society, Hamilton Law Association, Halton County Law Association, Carleton County Law Association and industry and (then) client groups on such issues as professional ethics, and litigation. In December, 2013, Justice Trimble was appointed as a Justice of the Ontario Superior Court, is chambered in Brampton, and circuits across Central West Region.

DAVID ZUBER

David founded Zuber & Company LLP in February 1999. Under his management, the firm has grown to the current complement of twenty-four lawyers and partners with a variety of insurance clients. His practice is primarily trial and appellate work. David has extensive trial experience acting as counsel for clients at numerous hearings (both judge alone, as well as judge and jury) and appeals involving liability, injuries, property damage, occupier's liability, product liability and insurance coverage disputes. As well as co-authoring a text book for high school law courses across Canada, David has contributed to a variety of legal and insurance publications and has made numerous presentations on civil liability and insurance issues. David has been a member of many notable committees including, but not limited to: Civility in Justice System; Task Force *Bill 59* Auto Reform; the Rules Committee: Task Force Discovery Process; the Canadian Bar Association; The Advocates Society; the Defence Research Institute; and was formerly Treasurer for the Canadian Defence Lawyers Association. He is an active member of the Federation of Defence & Corporate Counsel. A by invitation only limited membership organization comprised of leaders in the insurance and corporate defence bar limited to 1,100 trial lawyers worldwide.