INDIGENOUS LAW:

CONDUCTING A RESPECTFUL CROSS-EXAMINATION



Conducting a respectful cross-examination of an Indigenous witness – particularly an Indigenous elder – requires an understanding of relevant practice directives and unique historical and cultural context.

IN THIS WEBINAR, OUR PANELISTS WILL DISCUSS BEST PRACTICES FOR COURT REPORTERS, VIDEOGRAPHERS, AND LAWYERS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE EXAMINATION OF AN INDIGENOUS WITNESS.

HISTORICAL BACKDROP

Learn about key events that have shaped the current treatment of Indigenous law and the role of oral evidence in rights and title litigation.

PRACTICE DIRECTIVES

Explore the application of critical practice directives and exceptions to the hearsay rule.

CULTURAL AWARENESS

Learn about cultural differences and sacred Indigenous teachings that can impact an effective crossexamination.

TRUST & RESPECT

Explore respectful approaches to building mutual trust and respect.

PROCEDURAL CONSIDERATIONS

Walk away with pro tips for ensuring a smooth proceeding, both in deposition and at trial, including:

- Ceremonial Practices
- Oaths & Affirmations
- Timing
- Language & Listening
- Information Requests
- Interpreters & Word Spellers
- All-party Agreements

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