

PALLETT VALO LLP



Joe Conte is the Co-Head of Pallett Valo's Business Law Practice. He is also a Member of the Cross Border Services, Insolvency & Corporate Restructuring and Privacy Law Groups.

Joe practices as a business law generalist, with particular expertise in Secured Lending & Finance, representing banks and other commercial lenders, owner-managed businesses, public companies and multi-national corporations.

Joe is going to speak about "Considerations in Technology Transfers from an Owner's Perspective":

- Understanding Differences in Various Types of Technologies
- Basic Form of Technology Transfers Available to an Owner
- Identifying Key Issues
- Terms to Consider in Technology Transfer Agreements



Andreea Muth is a Member of the Business Law Practice.

Andreea has a general corporate/commercial law practice, representing start-ups and mature business owners.

She advises her clients on incorporation, contracts, general corporate/commercial matters, mergers and acquisitions, asset and share purchases and sales, commercial leases, share sale transactions and wealth preservation (including tax structuring, trusts, and estate freezes).

Andreea will talk about “Electronic Signatures: A Primer”:

- The Basics of Electronic Contract Formation
- Acceptable Forms of Electronic Signatures
- Risks and Pitfalls; How can you Protect Yourself from Fraud?



Maria Tassou is a member of both the Commercial Litigation and Employment & Labour Practice Groups.

Her practice focuses on Administrative Law, Workplace Investigations, Management Training and Privacy Law. Maria serves as Privacy Officer for the firm.

Maria has extensive experience as a civil litigator and is a seasoned adjudicator, presiding over hearings involving a broad range of matters, in both the private and public sector.

Maria will discuss “How Privacy Law Affects your Business”:

- Overview of PIPEDA
- Fair Information Principles
- Privacy Breach Notification
- Best Practices

PHDS INC.



Himanshu Shah is the founder member and the first Chairman of the Toronto Chapter. He has over 30 years of professional experience and since 2007 through his firm PHDS provides Accounting, Tax and Finance, Governance and Technology related advisory and implementation services to clients in the Canadian market place. Prior to starting his own accounting and consulting practice, Himanshu was a Senior Manager with Deloitte in Toronto. Himanshu is a CPA, CA, CMA in Canada and a Fellow, Chartered Accountant (FCA) from India.

KPMG



Sandeep Patkar CA, CPA, Canada, Chartered Accountant, India, CPA, Colorado State, Financial Risk Manager, GARP works in KPMG's Department of Professional Practice and Financial Institutions – Audit and Advisory department. He is a member of KPMG Canada's Financial instruments Topic Team, and also a designated Financial Instruments and Derivatives Resource for KPMG Canada.

In the Accounting Advisory role, Sandeep has several years of experience in assisting entities in implementing new standards, IFRS conversions or dealing with accounting for complex transactions. Sandeep has successfully led several IFRS 9 implementation projects, is currently heading a few IFRS 15 and 16 implementations in Canada.

As a member of Department of Professional Practice, Sandeep is also responsible for training KPMG engagement teams across Canada on new accounting developments and helping them in resolving technical accounting issues.

In the past, Sandeep has worked at KPMG's global IFRS technical accounting desk in London (UK) and has authored some of the KPMG's global publications on IFRS 9 financial instruments. Sandeep also appears as a guest speaker at several accounting events in Canada.

STEWART TITLE GUARANTY COMPANY

Kevin Rogers is a B.A., McMaster University, 1980; LL.B., University of Western Ontario, 1983. Called to the bar in 1985. Vice President – Educational Outreach for Stewart Title Guaranty Company. Formerly practiced in London, Ontario in real estate, estate and commercial law. Former instructor of real estate law and wills and estate law at Westervelt College in London, Ontario. A frequent speaker to Law Schools, Community Colleges, Consumers, Real Estate Agents, Financial Institutions and Lawyers on title insurance and real estate matters.



Karen Yolevski is the Vice-President of Commercial Business Development at Stewart Title. Ms. Yolevski has both legal and business experience having worked for more than 13 years in the areas of real estate law, financial services and technology. With a law degree from York University's Osgoode Hall Law School, she joined a full-service law firm in Toronto where she was a practicing real estate lawyer for seven years and a partner for four of those years. Prior to joining Stewart Title, she was President of Nationwide Home Closing Services and Nationwide Recovery Services, developers of cloud-based real estate technology and servicing solutions. In 2018, Karen was featured in Women of Influence magazine for combining her background in real estate law with technological know-how to streamline the real estate home-closing process.

MNP LLP



Peter Yien, CPA, CA, CISA, CRISC, LPA, CPA (Illinois), is a Partner and Consultant with MNP's Enterprise Risk Services group. Working out of the Toronto office, Peter leads technology risk consulting, financial and IT audits for organizations of all sizes.

Peter brings more than 19 years of audit experience and has consulted on or audited highly complex computing environments. He has a wealth of auditing, internal controls, business and IT process optimization and hardware and software implementation knowledge. Peter is able to right-size his services for clients ranging from multi-nationals (RBC, TD, Shoppers Drug Mart) to smaller organizations.

In industry, Peter has held progressive management roles. Most recently, Peter served as the VP and Chief Financial Officer (Manitoba Public Insurance) leading a cross disciplinary team of over 150 including a line of business. Previously positions held include: IT Controller (Hbc), Global Director of Systems and Process Improvement (Geac) and Systems Accounting Manager (McDonald's). This experience allows him to understand clients' needs and communicate complex, sensitive issues in a clear and pragmatic manner.

As a trusted advisor, Peter works with clients in a range of industries, including financial services, manufacturing, real estate, retail and credit unions.

Peter is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and Chartered Accountant (CA). He holds the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC) designations and is a Licensed Public Accountant (LPA) and Certified Public Accountant (CPA (Illinois)). Peter was a past Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for Covenant House Toronto (CHT) and has received several financial reporting excellence awards from the Queen's School of Business while serving as the Chair of the Finance Committee for CHT.



Kaushik Bhatia is a Senior Manager with MNP's Enterprise Risk Services practice and has over eighteen years of audit experience with expertise in CSAE3416/SSAE16/ISAE3402 Audits, Information Technology Audits, Conversion Reviews, Internal Controls over Financial Reporting ("ICFR"), Operational Audits, External Quality Assessments ("EQA"), Financial Statements Audits, and Compliance Audits.

Kaushik has managed major clients in various industries including Retail. Prior to working with MNP, he worked with Deloitte in Canada and the United Arab Emirates. Kaushik has also led the Compliance and Risk Management function at a large loyalty marketing company where he was managing ICFR (SOX), Fraud monitoring and vendor risk. He has extensive experience in managing all phases of an engagement – planning, execution, and reporting – and has effectively managed project teams of various sizes throughout his career.

Kaushik has experience working with the following systems: Oracle, Microsoft Dynamics, JD Edwards, BaaN, AccPac, and various IT platforms.

Kaushik takes a practical approach to assessing internal controls and key business processes. This allows him to identify inefficiencies and issues and develop strategies for improvement based on leading practices and those designed to work for the client.

Kaushik has extensive knowledge and experience in the areas of information technology controls, internal audit, internal controls over financial reporting, business process improvement and internal control frameworks.

With deep knowledge and experience in the real estate and construction sector, Kaushik develops practical solutions and delivers results for his clients. His cross-industry expertise also includes credit unions, public sector – crown corporations, retail and wholesale and technology and wireless.