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**Launch of the “TAS-PBO Consumer Protection Initiative”
CPD Event and Reception
November 27, 2019, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., reception to follow
Goldblatt Partners LLP, 20 Dundas St. West, Suite 1039**

Overview

The Advocates’ Society (TAS) and Pro Bono Ontario (PBO) are thrilled to launch a new partnership to help low-income consumers facing the effects of predatory door-to-door sales. This launch event and CPD training will empower lawyers seeking to participate in this initiative by providing an overview of applicable law and lessons learned from cases PBO and its volunteers have already handled. Learn how to advocate on behalf of vulnerable Ontarians, many of whom are seniors who need help advancing their legal rights in these matters. The event is free of charge. Participants will have the opportunity to join the pro bono roster and take on door-to-door sales cases through this initiative.

Featured Speakers

Denise Cooney & Glynnis Hawe – Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP
Chris Horkins & Chris Selby – Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP
Jean-Marc Leclerc – Sotos LLP

Agenda

5:00 – 5:15 Introduction to the Problem

- Partnership between PBO and Ministry of Government and Consumer Services
- Services through PBO’s Free Legal Advice Hotline and the need for pro bono representation
- Outline of the most pressing problem (effects of door-to-door sales)

5:15– 5:45 Notices of Security Interest: Front-end negotiations and back-end litigation

- Negotiating the discharge of a Notice of Security Interest (NOSI) before litigation
- The reality of paying the security holder to discharge a NOSI and pursuing losses through litigation

5:45 – 6:00 Lessons from Small Claims Court proceedings

- What to expect at trial & post-trial negotiations

6:00 – 6:15 Lessons from Superior Court proceedings

- Jurisdictional advantages & the availability of a mini-trial

6:15 – 6:30 Questions/discussion

6:30 – 7:00 Reception