

# Conduct, Compliance and Legal Advisory Section (CCLS) Education Sub-Committee 2023 Annual Conference

## Speaker Biographies

2:00 pm Breakout Session:  
**Challenges of Recruiting, Training and  
Monitoring Compliance Staff In The Work From  
Anywhere Environment**



### **Melissa MacKewn**

**Partner, Crawley MacKewn Brush LLP**

Melissa has been widely and repeatedly recognized within the profession as one of Canada’s leading securities and corporate commercial litigation lawyers. Among other recognitions, Melissa has been twice voted by her peers as Best Lawyers Securities Lawyer of the Year and is part of a small and prestigious group of litigation lawyers in Canada selected by Best Lawyers, based on peer review, as “bet the company” litigation counsel.

Melissa has one of the deepest and most robust securities litigation practices in the country. She advises investors, registrants, issuers, officers, directors, underwriters, and private and public corporations on a variety of securities matters. She has extensive experience representing clients in enforcement investigations, settlements, and contested proceedings before the OSC and CIRO involving such issues as insider trading, disclosure violations and market manipulation. As a prior Senior Enforcement Counsel at the OSC, Melissa offers unparalleled insight on regulatory matters which allows her to strategically guide her clients to creative and precedent-setting outcomes when careers, reputations, livelihoods and shareholder value are on the line.

Melissa is also regularly retained by both public and private companies and their audit and special committees to conduct confidential internal investigations in respect of whistleblower complaints, disclosure, controls and reporting issues, trading and compliance issues, matters engaging conflicts of interest, and workplace allegations. Melissa’s depth of knowledge and expertise allows her to navigate the concurrent class action and regulatory risks, including cross-border risks, at issue in these mandates strategically and efficiently as a trusted advisor and business partner to her clients.

Melissa has extensive experience with corporate and securities capital markets litigation matters including securities class action proceedings, corporate and shareholder disputes,

oppression remedy matters, proxy battles, takeover bid litigation, corporate governance matters and investment loss claims.

Bringing to bear the depth of her administrative law expertise, Melissa is frequently retained as outside prosecution counsel on complex disciplinary matters by self-regulatory organizations in the accounting, insurance, and financial sectors.



## David Wright

**Senior Counsel, Business Conduct Compliance, CIRO**

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## John Fabello

**Partner, Torys**

Co-head of Torys' Securities Defence Practice and Co-head of the firm's White Collar Defence and Investigations Practice, John focuses on all aspects of securities litigation and financial services regulatory matters, as well as on complex corporate and commercial litigation. He routinely represents clients across Canada before securities and other financial regulators, as well as before all levels of court.

Acting as lead counsel, John has successfully defended public and private company directors and officers, as well as financial institutions, in Canada's largest securities class actions, including in Sino Forest and CannTrust. He was seconded for over a year to one of Canada's largest broker-dealers to manage major class action litigation and related securities regulatory matters. He is also retained as a qualified witness in Canadian securities law.

In addition, John's white collar defence and investigations practice transcends securities matters and encompasses internal investigations, crisis management and regulatory compliance of regulated entities.