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Why is This Seminar Different From Other CLE Programs?



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This year's seminar deals with the legal issues that arise when lawyers and accountants advise clients about creating a trust. It can be a complicated task which if not done properly gives rise to tax difficulties for the client, allegations of negligence against the professionals and lawsuits for all involved. program was designed for lawvers and accountants who deal with wills, trusts, estates or tax issues relating to them. Inspired by the Passover Haggadah, I share four questions regarding the upcoming annual B'nai Brith Estates and Trusts Seminar:

- 1. Why is this program pedagogically different than other CLE programs? My experience in education has taught me that fun is a very important educational tool. The combination of an amusing fact scenario, vignettes and panel discussions helps attendees understand and remember complicated estate, trust and tax issues in an entertaining and digestible manner.
- 2. How are the presenters different? While many of our presenters are recognized senior first tier professionals, we also include up-and-coming talented younger lawyers and accountants.

Our committee welcomes the chance to provide these professionals an opportunity ordinarily available to only senior counsel. This year's younger presenters include Lisa Filgiano of Miller Thomson and Noah Weisberg from Hull & Hull LLP.

3. How are the goals of the seminar different? Like all CLE seminars, our goal is to provide information relevant to the professionals servicing our community. The issues covered at this event deal with problems our attendees deal with on a regular basis, including steps taken to remove a trustee, suing professionals who provide poor advice, and how to bust a trust. Finally, B'nai Brith Canada is sensitive to employment hurdles in the legal profession faced by minorities in general and women in particular. Education is one way to solve that problem, and to that end this year we have incorporated a segment dealing with the Law Society of Ontario's Employment and Diversity Initiative.

4. How is the food different? I have attended many an event hosted by legal organizations. The kosher meal presented to me was always reminiscent of those received on an airplane. At this seminar we have a wonderful, complete kosher meal that far exceeds the food at most other events. Omelette stations, gourmet coffee, specialized pastries, fresh bagels, lox, and more. As one of the attendees from Pickering told me last year, "This is the best food served at any CLE event."

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