

## Legalization of Cannabis: Emergent Insurance Issues & Potential Fire Risks

Thursday, January 31, 2019 | Coast Coal Harbour Hotel  
8:30am Check-in | 8:30 – 9:30am Hot Breakfast Buffet | 9:30 – 11:30am Seminar

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With the legalization of cannabis on October 17, 2018, the recreational cannabis business is booming and is predicted to continue to grow. This change in the law requires Insurers to consider how much risk they are willing to assume given the new realities. Not only is it more prevalent & available, there is an increase in potential hazards associated with the legalization of cannabis. From policy terms to subrogation options, it is time to understand what cannabis means for our industry.

### SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

- Discuss required modifications to homeowner policy property damage exclusions for cannabis grow operations
- Identify common risk factors on coverage for commercial cultivation and sales of cannabis
- Understand fire and explosion risks related to grow operations, including butane extraction and ignition sources
- Identify methods to secure evidence to increase subrogation potential

### SEMINAR PRESENTERS

#### **John Vamplew**, Director, **Whitelaw Twining Law Corporation**

John focusses on insurance coverage and complex insurance defence matters, with an emphasis on product liability, professional liability, fire loss, class action and health and disability claims. John co-chairs Whitelaw Twining's Subrogation Group and with his team, has been able to achieve tremendous results for their clients.

#### **Barbara Kott**, Associate, **Whitelaw Twining Law Corporation**

Barbara practices in the area of general insurance litigation, with a focus on personal injury, professional liability, construction and insurance coverage matters. Barbara is at all times a passionate advocate for her clients — she has successfully defended them at mediations, administrative tribunals and before Alberta's Provincial Court and Court of Queen's Bench, and at all levels of court in British Columbia.

#### **May Mehrabi**, Associate, **Whitelaw Twining Law Corporation**

May practices in the area of general insurance litigation, with the majority of her work being in professional liability, construction and insurance coverage matters. May is focused on effectively and efficiently helping clients achieve the best possible outcomes in their legal matters. She has appeared on behalf of clients at all levels of court in British Columbia.

#### **Tom Hoppe**, Fire and Explosion Investigator, **Origin and Cause**

Tom has over 15 years of industry experience as an investigator and is a qualified expert witness in Federal criminal cases. His forensic specialties include complex and large loss investigations, incendiary fires and explosions, and claims with fatalities.

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### FEES (includes hot breakfast buffet & GST)

\$125 CIP Members (Graduates)  
\$150 IIBC Members  
\$230 Non Members (includes IIBC Membership expiring May 31, 2019)

### LOCATION

**Coast Coal Harbour Hotel**  
1180 W. Hastings Street  
Coal Harbour Ballroom B  
Vancouver, V6E 4R5

**Corporate Rate:** \$115 per attendee for group of 8 or more (membership additional for non-members). To register with a Corporate Rate, contact [Winnie Hon](#).

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