Environmental Prosecutions –
Latest Cases And Defence Strategies
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Environmental regulators across the country are seeking higher fines, more onerous plea deals, and in egregious cases, jail time. Owners, operators, corporate directors/officers and even consultants are being charged. Jacquelyn Stevens will provide an update on the latest environmental prosecution cases across Canada and discuss ways to prevent and defend against environmental charges.

This session will focus on key issues including:
- inspections, investigations, search warrants, and document production
- strategies for defending environmental prosecutions, and
- implications arising from conviction.

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