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A Paperless Courtroom: Embracing the Use of Electronic Trials

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In this article, James Bunting, <u>Chantelle Spagnola</u> and Anisah Hassan discuss a number of innovative practices that were adopted by the parties and the court in the <u>Husky v. Schad</u> trial heard in the Ontario Superior Court (Commercial List) in late 2015 and show how the adoption of those practices allowed the parties to effectively and efficiently bring this large and complex piece of commercial litigation to trial on an expedited schedule. Of particular note, the procedure adopted by the court and the parties included the use of iPads by both counsel and the court; the "chess clock" method of allocating each party's time at trial; evidence-in-chief by way of affidavit; cloud storage and transfer technology; and real-time transcription.

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