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Getting It *Wright:* The *Detour Gold* Standard of Expert Independence

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In rejecting a motion by the plaintiffs for production of drafts of an expert report, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice's recent decision in *Wright v. Detour Gold Corp.* endorses the Court of Appeal's guidance regarding counsel's dealings with expert witnesses as articulated in *Moore v. Getahun*. Of particular interest to litigation counsel, the decision in *Wright* builds upon the guidance in *Moore* by holding that it is entirely proper for an expert to retain independent legal counsel to assist in the preparation of his or her expert report.

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