

MANITOBA COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS INC.

NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Centro Caboto Centre
1055 Wilkes Avenue
Winnipeg MB

AGENDA

Monday, April 28, 2014

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| 8:00am – 9:00am | Registration
Continental Breakfast (Centro Caboto Centre, Location: Mauro Hall) |
| 9:00am – 9:10am | Call to Order and Welcome (Colin Robinson) |
| 9:10am – 9:15am | Greetings from the Government of Manitoba

HONOURABLE ANDREW SWAN
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs
Minister charged with the administration of The Manitoba Public Insurance Act |
| 9:15am – 10:30am | <u>PLENARY</u> (Centro Caboto Centre, Location: Mauro Hall)

<i>SELF REPRESENTED PARTIES</i>

A look at who they are and why they are self represented. This panel will explore the challenges they present, and what tools are available to make their (and your) lives easier.

➤ Chair
ALLAN FINEBLIT, Q.C.
The Law Society of Manitoba
Manitoba Health Appeal Board |

➤ Presenters

MR. JUSTICE MARC MONNIN

Manitoba Court of Appeal

NEIL COHEN

Automobile Injury Compensation Appeal Commission
Law Society of Manitoba Discipline Panel

ALLAN FINEBLIT, Q.C.

The Law Society of Manitoba
Manitoba Health Appeal Board

10:30am – 10:45am Coffee Break (**Centro Caboto Centre - Location: Mauro Hall**)

10:45am – 12:00pm **BREAKOUTS**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW BLAST!
(Centro Caboto Centre, Location: TBD)

The annual review of the most important administrative law decisions.

➤ Chair

AARON L. BERG

Civil Legal Services SOA, Manitoba Justice

➤ Presenters

SARAH LUGTIG

Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba

KEVIN STASKA

Department of Justice Canada

ISHA KHAN

Manitoba Human Rights Commission

2. FOUNDATIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE **(Centro Caboto Centre, Location: TBD)**

This session will provide information that will help tribunal members, staff and decision makers acquire a better understanding of their broader role and responsibility and the basic knowledge and skills they need to conduct fair hearings. It will provide an overview of administrative law principles and fairness as well as hearing and evidentiary procedures.

➤ Chair
JENNIFER GOLDENBERG
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

➤ Presenters

DAVID GISSER
Civil Legal Services SOA, Manitoba Justice

DENIS GUÉNETTE
Civil Legal Services SOA, Manitoba Justice

12:00 – 1:15pm **LUNCH** (provided) **(Centro Caboto Centre, Location: (outside) Mauro Hall)**

Annual General Meeting of MCAT Inc. at 12:45pm in the Galleria Room
AGM may include a discussion session regarding tribunals and Codes of Conduct

1:15pm – 2:30pm **BREAKOUTS**

1. THE ROLE OF EXPERTS **(Centro Caboto Centre, Location: TBD)**

This session will explore expert evidence and its role in administrative hearings. Participants will be provided with concrete examples of issues that have arisen in Manitoba tribunals. The information will be of assistance to tribunal members both when presented with expert evidence and when considering whether to obtain their own expert evidence.

➤ Chair
ELLIOT LEVEN
Myers Weinberg^{LLP}
Manitoba Human Rights Commission Board of Commissioners

➤ Presenters

KRISTIN GIBSON

Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson^{LLP}

LINDY CHOY

Worker's Compensation Appeal Commission

BYRON WILLIAMS

Public Interest Law Centre

2. *PRIVACY ISSUES*

(Centro Caboto Centre, Location: TBD)

A discussion of privacy compliance and challenges including an overview of privacy laws and their impact on administrative tribunals. This panel will explore the dos and don'ts of information collection and disclosure.

➤ Chair

PETER WIEBE

Worker's Compensation Appeal Commission

➤ Presenters

NANCY LOVE

Manitoba Ombudsman's Office

GAIL MILDREN

Civil Legal Services SOA, Manitoba Justice

2:30pm – 2:45pm

Coffee Break **(Centro Caboto Centre - Location: Mauro Hall)**

2:45pm – 4:15pm **PLENARY (Centro Caboto Centre, Location: Mauro Hall)**

ETHICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS – THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVILITY

This presentation will discuss the importance of professionalism and civility in administrative proceedings so as not to erode public respect and confidence in the administrative justice system, including:

- ❖ ensuring that tribunal members conduct hearings in a respectful and courteous manner;
- ❖ effectively dealing with individuals, including counsel, who act in an uncivil and/or disruptive manner
- ❖ managing conflicts between tribunal panel members, both during a proceeding or deliberations; and
- ❖ ensuring that tribunal decisions are expressed in a respectful manner.

➤ Keynote Speaker

EUGENE MEEHAN, Q.C.
Supreme Advocacy^{LLP}

4:15pm – 4:30pm **CLOSING REMARKS**
(Centro Caboto Centre, Location: Mauro Hall)

Closing Comments & Evaluations

Speakers subject to change