

MANITOBA COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS INC.

11th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
1808 Wellington Avenue
Winnipeg MB

AGENDA

Monday, May 9, 2016

8:00am – 9:00am Registration
Continental Breakfast (**Location: Wellington Ballroom**)

9:00am – 9:10am Call to Order and Welcome (**Jennifer Goldenberg**)

9:10am – 9:15am Greetings from the Government of Manitoba

9:15am – 10:30am **PLENARY** (**Location: Wellington Ballroom**)

ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS

Senator Murray Sinclair will discuss principles and approaches to access to justice with particular emphasis on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and what the recommendations mean for administrative tribunals.

➤ Keynote Speaker

SENATOR MURRAY SINCLAIR

10:30am – 10:45am Coffee Break (**Location: Wellington Ballroom**)

10:45am – 12:00pm **BREAKOUTS**

1. CASE MANAGEMENT **(Location: Embassy Ballroom A)**

The panel will discuss how administrative tribunals can use Case Management to provide for earlier resolution of disputes, prevent,

reduce, or eliminate delays and backlogs; and effectively allocate quasi-judicial and administrative resources in the most effective manner.

- Chair: **COLIN ROBINSON**
Manitoba Labour Board

- Presenters

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KATHRYN DURKIN-CHUDD
Automobile Injury Compensation Appeal Commission

BOB PETERS
Fillmore Riley^{LLP}

2. ACCESS TO JUSTICE: ADDRESSING ROADBLOCKS **(Location: Wellington Ballroom)**

Administrative tribunals are meant to be more accessible and less daunting than formal court proceedings. Yet, many appellants encounter roadblocks on their way to finding justice before tribunals. Among other things, these roadblocks limit access. They include: an inability to understand the issues before them because of literacy or language issues; or unfamiliarity with the process due to different cultural practices; or obstacles posed by physical disabilities. This session will examine these and other issues and discusses ways to identify and address barriers to accessibility.

- Chair: **TERRY SARGEANT**
Clean Environment Commission

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DALE PATERSON
Manitoba Labour Board

12:00pm – 1:30pm **LUNCH** (provided)
(Location: Wellington Ballroom)

Annual General Meeting of MCAT Inc. at 1:00 pm
(Location: Embassy Ballroom A)

1:30pm – 2:45pm **PLENARY** (Location: Wellington Ballroom)

HOW TO CONDUCT A HEARING

From opening statements to closing remarks the panel will provide practical advice on how to conduct an administrative law hearing. Learn how to address preliminary matters such as adjournment requests and bias allegations, control the hearing process, consider rules of evidence, act towards self-represented parties, and create a hearing checklist for your own tribunal.

- View from the tribunal:

JENNIFER GOLDENBERG

Residential Tenancies Commission

- View from the Bench:

MADAM JUSTICE FREDA STEEL

Manitoba Court of Appeal

2:45pm – 3:00pm Coffee Break **(Location: Wellington Ballroom)**

3:00pm – 4:15pm **BREAKOUTS**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW BLAST!
(Location: Wellington Ballroom)

The annual review of the most important administrative law decisions.

- Chair: **AARON L. BERG**
Legal Services Branch, Manitoba Justice

- Presenters

SARAH LUGTIG

Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba

KEVIN STASKA

Department of Justice Canada

ISHA KHAN

Manitoba Human Rights Commission

**2. SECURITY CONCERNS FOR TRIBUNALS
(Location: Embassy Ballroom A)**

What precautions should tribunals take to ensure the security of parties and tribunal members? What security resources are currently available? Do tribunal members have to accept certain risks as “part of the job”? These and other questions will be answered by the diverse Security Issues panel.

➤ Chair: **ELLIOT LEVEN**
Residential Tenancies Commission

➤ Presenters

LAURA DIAMOND

Automobile Injury Compensation Appeal Commission

PETER WIEBE

Workers Compensation Appeal Commission

CLYDE MOORE

Winnipeg Protective Services & Investigations

4:15pm – 4:30pm

**CLOSING REMARKS (Dale Paterson)
(Location: Wellington Ballroom)**

Closing Comments & Evaluations

Speakers subject to change