

MANITOBA COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS INC.

10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Centro Caboto Centre
1055 Wilkes Avenue
Winnipeg MB

AGENDA

Monday, April 20, 2015

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 – 9:30am **PLENARY** (Centro Caboto Centre, Location: Mauro Hall)

BLINK for Decision Makers: Intuition in Decision Making – Part 1

A preview of our afternoon plenary including a short questionnaire for the audience. The results will be integrated into the afternoon plenary with Professor Pamela Chapman.

9:30am – 10:45am **PLENARY** (Centro Caboto Centre, Location: Mauro Hall)

ETHICS: HERDING CATS - TOOLS IN YOUR TOOLBOX

This session will explore how to manage difficult behaviour by parties or their representatives while respecting a party's right to full participation and vigorous representation at hearings.

➤ Keynote Speaker

DAVID A. WRIGHT

Chair, Law Society Tribunal
Law Society of Upper Canada

10:45am – 11:00am Coffee Break (**Centro Caboto Centre - Location: Mauro Hall**)

11:00am – 12:15pm **BREAKOUTS**

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

The annual review of the most important administrative law decisions.

➤ Chair: **AARON L. BERG**
 Civil Legal Services, Manitoba Justice

➤ Presenters

SARAH LUGTIG
 Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba

KEVIN STASKA
 Department of Justice Canada

ISHA KHAN
 Manitoba Human Rights Commission

2. TECHNOLOGY AND TRIBUNALS
(Centro Caboto Centre, Location: Galleria)

How can technology be used to streamline processes at administrative tribunals while ensuring the system remains fair and effective? Our panelists will discuss the benefits and challenges of integrating technology into administrative tribunals' systems and specifically explore how technology can be used to sustain and advance a tribunal's mandate.

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

➤ Presenters

IRENE HAMILTON
 Justice Innovation, Manitoba Justice

AZIM JIWA
 Manitoba Human Rights Commission

SHERRI WALSH
 Hill Sokalski Walsh Olson^{LLP}
 Manitoba Human Rights Adjudication Board

12:15pm – 1:30pm **LUNCH** (provided)
(Centro Caboto Centre, Location: (outside) Mauro Hall)

Annual General Meeting of MCAT Inc. at 1:00 pm in the Galleria Room

1:30pm – 2:30pm **PLENARY** (Centro Caboto Centre, Location: Mauro Hall)

Mock Hearing

This comedy of errors will shed light on real issues that arise during tribunal hearings. Panel participants will comment on errors identified by the moderator during the hearing and will discuss better options for dealing with procedural fairness and natural justice issues.

➤ Moderator

ALLAN FINEBLIT, Q.C.

Thompson Dorfman Sweatman^{LLP}

Manitoba Health Appeal Board

➤ Starring:

BYRON WILLIAMS – as Chair

Public Interest Law Centre

NEIL COHEN – as Panel Member

Community Unemployed Help Centre

Law Society of Manitoba Lay Bencher

KARINE PELLETIER – as Panel Member

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Hearing Panel

DALE PATERSON – as the Appellant

Manitoba Labour Board

JENNIFER GOLDENBERG – as Legal Counsel for the Respondent

Residential Tenancies Commission

2:30pm – 2:45pm Coffee Break **(Centro Caboto Centre - Location: Mauro Hall)**

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

BLINK for Decision Makers: Intuition in Decision Making – Part 2

This interactive presentation will explore the role of intuition, as opposed to deliberative reasoning, in decision making. Drawing on some of the cognitive and behavioural science around intuitive thinking and cognitive errors, and work done by academics in the US who have surveyed judges, the session will explore whether decision makers are vulnerable to intuitive thinking and associated errors.

How do we measure up? Professor Chapman will compare our own audience results with the results collected by the US scholars.

➤ Keynote Speaker

PROFESSOR PAMELA CHAPMAN

Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

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

Closing Comments & Evaluations

Speakers subject to change