

MANITOBA COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS INC.

12th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre

1808 Wellington Avenue

Winnipeg MB

AGENDA

Monday, May 1, 2017

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

8:30 am– 9:00am MCAT Annual General Meeting
(Location: Embassy Ballroom A)

9:00am – 9:20am Opening Remarks
(Isha Khan and Laura Diamond)

Greetings from the Government of Manitoba

9:20am – 10:40am **PLENARY: *TRIBUNAL EXCELLENCE***
(Location: Wellington Ballroom)

What does “excellence” mean in the context of delivering administrative justice? This presentation will challenge administrative tribunals to think about how they can ensure that they are providing a fair, accessible and efficient process to deal with disputes, including how to begin measuring and assessing tribunal performance.

➤ Moderator: **JENNIFER GOLDENBERG**
Residential Tenancies Commission

➤ Keynote Speaker

MICHAEL GOTTHEIL
Social Justice Tribunals Ontario

10:40am – 11:00am **BREAK**
(Location: Wellington Ballroom)

11:00am – 12:15pm **BREAKOUT 1: ACCOMMODATING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS**
(Location: TBD)

The panel will cover the requirements under the *Accessibility for Manitobans Act* that apply to administrative tribunals and discuss with practical examples and scenarios, what tribunals should consider when dealing with individuals with mental health needs.

➤ Chair: **KATHRYN DURKIN-CHUDD**
 Residential Tenancies Branch

➤ Presenters

MARION COOPER
 Canadian Mental Health Association – Manitoba and Winnipeg

YUTTA FRICKE
 Disabilities Issues Office, Province of Manitoba

ELEANORE McMAHON
 Mental Health Review Board

BREAKOUT 2: APPLYING THE CHARTER
(Location: TBD)

Administrative tribunals are often unprepared to deal with challenges made under the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. This presentation will discuss considerations in determining whether the tribunal is *Charter* competent, and if so, the importance of building your tribunal's *Charter* expertise and the impact this may or may not have on the ability to provide cost effective, timely service to the public.

➤ Chair: **ALAN SCRAMSTAD**
 Workers Compensation Appeal Commission

➤ Presenter

BYRON WILLIAMS
 Public Interest Law Centre

12:15pm – 1:00pm **LUNCH** (provided)
(Location: Wellington Ballroom)

1:00pm – 1:45pm **PLENARY: 30 TIPS IN 30 MINUTES**
(Location: Wellington Ballroom)

This fast-paced, fun session of six tribunal experts will each provide their favourite and most useful tips in a wide range of areas, such as hearings and hearing preparation, mediation, training, time management, client service, work-life balance, stakeholder relations, leadership, etc.

➤ Chair: **ALLAN FINEBLIT, Q.C.**
 Thompson Dorfman Sweatman^{LLP}

➤ Presenters

COLIN ROBINSON
 Manitoba Labour Board

SHERRI WALSH
 Manitoba Human Rights Adjudication Panel

DIANE DWARKA
 Manitoba Human Rights Board of Commissioners

DARREN CHRISTLE
 Manitoba Public Utilities Board

LINDA NEWTON
 Automobile Injury Compensation Appeal Commission

*Further presenter to be confirmed

1:45pm – 1:55pm **BREAK**
(Location: Wellington Ballroom)

1:55pm – 3:10pm **BREAKOUT 1: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW UPDATE**
(Location: TBD)

This panel will provide an update on developments in administrative law over the past year.

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

➤ Presenters

VOULA KARLAFTIS

Justice Canada

DENIS GUÉNETTE

Legal Services Branch, Manitoba Justice

VIVIAN RACHLIS

Thompson Dorfman Sweatman^{LLP}

BREAKOUT 2: *BUILDING A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR BOARD OR TRIBUNAL*
(Location: TBD)

This panel is ideal for tribunal staff and will discuss ideas on how to build or maintain a strong relationship with appointed tribunal members that will ensure you are delivering consistent and efficient service to the public.

➤ Chair: **PETER WIEBE**

Workers Compensation Appeal Commission

➤ Presenters

ISHA KHAN

Manitoba Human Rights Commission

DARREN CHRISTLE

Manitoba Public Utilities Board

LORI LAVOIE

Manitoba Municipal Board

3:10pm – 3:30pm **CLOSING REMARKS**
(Location: Wellington Ballroom)