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Annual Update on Human Rights

Administrative Law/Constitutional, Civil Liberties & Human Rights/ Labour & Employment Law





Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 | 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre

20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chair: Saba Ahmad, Saba Ahmad Barrister Professional

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The Annual Update on Human Rights returns this year to get you up to speed on the latest substantive and procedural developments in human rights law. Regardless your client base, if your practice touches on human rights, this program is a must-attend event. Our exceptional faculty, including experts in administrative law, labour and employment, and human rights, will share valuable insights and practical strategies for you to take away and implement in your practice.

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am What's New at the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario?

Jeanie Theoharis, Associate Chair, Human Rights Tribunal of

9:35 am Update from the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal
Athan Hadjis, Vice-Chairperson of the Canadian Human
Rights Tribunal

10:00 am Recent Notable Human Rights Decisions and Developments
Wade Poziomka, Ross & McBride LLP
Kathryn Bird, Ogletree Deakins International LLP
Esi Codjoe, Turnpenney Milne LLP

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Current Issues under Part V of the Human Rights Code

Moderator: Morgan Sim, Parker Sim LLP

Vicarious Liability under the *Human Rights Code*Megan Mah, WeirFoulds LLP
Daniel Wong, WeirFoulds LLP

- Review of case law interpreting section 46.3(1)
- Considerations in naming individual respondents
- Bringing or responding to requests for an order to dismiss an application against an individual respondent
- Acquiescence or condonation as a relevant factor

Section 46.1: Joining a Remedy to a Civil Action Warren Mouck, Simpson Wigle LAW LLP (Hamilton) Lindsay Buchanan-Clarke, Simpson Wigle LAW LLP (Hamilton)

 Recent updates and developments with respect to joining remedy under section 46.1 to a civil action for wrongful dismissal

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Recent Developments in Damages and Remedies Melissa Mark, Human Rights Legal Support Centre

- The latest trends in damages and remedies
- PLUS: Get your essential Remedies Chart

1:30 pm Special Programs under the Human Rights Code

Marni Tolensky, OPTrust

Roger Love, Ontario Human Rights Commission

 Understanding special programs and how they can be used to rectify disadvantage

2:00 pm Trauma Informed Responses to Indigenous Clients Experiencing Family Violence

Sarah Niman, Native Women's Association of Canada **Allison MacIntosh,** Native Women's Association of Canada

- Reconciliation with MMIWG families and survivors
- Importance of recognizing Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit, Trans and Gender-Diverse + who are also family violence survivors as a group worthy of unique protection and accommodation under human rights legislation

2:45 pm Break

3:00 pm Data Collection, Digital Surveillance, and Artificial Intelligence: Critical Human Rights Implications

Moderator: Maria Kotsopoulos, Blaney McMurtry LLP Susan Lindsay, Law Commission of Ontario James Craig, Morrison Watts Labour and Employment Lawyers

Devin Jarcaig, Mathers McHenry & Co.

- Government decision-making: how can AI systems affect human rights?
- Human rights considerations related to the electronic monitoring and surveillance of employees
- Al and the risk of discrimination in hiring and selection processes

 $3{:}45~\text{pm}$ $\,$ Update on the Duty to Accommodate

Nisha Dhanoa, Hunter-Liberatore-Law Alex Battick, Battick Legal Advisory

- Understanding procedural and substantive obligations
- Accommodation requests related to commuting and requests to work from home
- Recent cases and tribunal decisions in education law

4:25 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

4:30 pm Program Concludes