

A New Era in Workplace Safety and Insurance Law

Workers' Compensation Law Section

Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 | 9:00 am to 4:45pm
Location: 20 Toronto Street Conferences & Events
 20 Toronto Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2B8
Program Chairs: **Stephen C. Roberts**, McTague Law Firm LLP (Windsor)
Michelle Alton, General Counsel, WSIAT



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Our Annual Conference is back again, focusing this year on what is new and relevant to your practice. You will get up to speed on recent decisions, litigation, legislation and policy. You will be involved in an interactive workshop where scenarios involving issues such as return to work, accommodation, expert evidence, issue estoppel and abuse of process will be debated and discussed. Our experienced faculty will also guide you through the legal decisions and legislative changes in other areas of the law that intersect and affect workplace safety and insurance law. A panel of WSIAT Vice-Chairs and WSIB Appeal Resolution Officers will navigate ethical issues that arise at both bodies.

Join us for our popular Annual Conference and hear from WSIAT Chair **David Corbett** and WSIB President and CEO **Tom Teahen** at our keynote lunch address.

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Opening Remarks by Chair

9:05 am Legislative and Litigation Update

Michelle Alton, WSIAT

Michael B. Johnston, Executive Director, WSIB

Laura A. Russell, CompClaim, Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP

Antony E. Singleton, Law Office of Antony Singleton

Gain an overview of relevant legislative changes, key decisions and significant litigation. Our experts will focus on claim suppression, rate framework, mental stress, PTSD and relevant litigation.

10:30 am Networking Break

10:45 am Interactive Workshop: What Would You Do?

Alec W. Farquhar, Director, Ministry of Labour – OWA

Ana Rodriguez Garcia, WSIAT TCO

Kayla Seyler, WSIAT TCO

Rachel Weiner, IAVGO Community Legal Clinic

Michael Zacks, Director (A) and General Counsel, Ministry of Labour – OEA

Join an interactive discussion and debate of three scenarios exploring return to work and accommodation, expert evidence and issue estoppel/abuse of process.

12:00 pm Box Lunch and Networking Break

12:45 pm Keynote Lunch Addresses

David N. Corbett, Chair, WSIAT

Thomas W. Teahen, President and CEO, WSIB

Hear about changes to appeal processes at both WSIAT and WSIB, and how each entity plans to address recent significant changes in the area of workplace safety and insurance.

1:30 pm Intersection of Workplace Safety and Insurance Issues with Other Legal Issues

Christine E. Davies, Goldblatt Partners LLP

Kathryn L. Meehan, Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP (Waterloo)

Discuss recent decisions and legislative changes in other legal areas that intersect and impact workplace safety and insurance law including:

- Medical marijuana
- Workplace harassment
- Privacy and information sharing
- Re-employment
- Human rights

2:45 pm Networking Break

3:00 pm **Roundtable Ethical Issues Discussion with WSIAT Vice-Chairs and WSIB Appeal Resolution Officers on Ethical Issues**

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Rose Calvert, Appeals Resolution Officer, WSIB

Mark Evans, Appeals Resolution Officer, WSIB

Sean Ryan, Vice Chair, WSIAT

Sandra Shime, Vice Chair, WSIAT

This panel discussion will help you clarify difficult ethical issues such as downside risk and settling cases with vulnerable clients.

4:30 pm Questions and Closing Remarks

4:45 pm Program Concludes

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