

## Today's Privacy Challenges: Remote Workforces, Consent and Sensitive Personal Information

### *Privacy and Access to Information Law*



Webcast

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As governments around the world seek to protect the health and safety of their citizens, and businesses adapt their work practices in order to mitigate losses and reduce liability, the need to share data is overwhelming. However, the potential to infringe privacy rights is widespread. As businesses shift rapidly to remote working environments and governments impose greater restrictions on individual liberties, the need for privacy practitioners to provide guidance that is both proportionate and robust cannot be underestimated. Join us as we bring together experts who will focus on the opportunities and legal challenges that currently exist in privacy law and will so for the foreseeable future.

1:00 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:05 pm **Privacy in Pandemic: Legal Considerations**

**Gregory Smolyne**, Deputy Commissioner Promotion,  
Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

- What is the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada focused on in the current environment?
- What research efforts are currently being undertaken by the OPC?

1:20 pm **Privacy Issues for the Remote Workforce**

**Lyndsay Wasser**, McMillan LLP

- What are the privacy risks associated with remote workforce environments?
- What practical steps should employers be taking in order to ensure that their businesses can remain viable and the privacy of their employees and customers is protected?

1:35 pm **Privacy and Personal Health Information**

**David Goodis**, Assistant Commissioner (Policy and Corporate Services), Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario

- In what ways have recent developments resulted in changes to the IPCO's current mandate and priorities?
- What are the legal issues hospitals and health information custodians should be concerned about?

1:55 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

2:00 pm Program Concludes

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