

## **OBA | Professional Development**

## 19th Annual Current Issues in Employment Law

Labour and Employment Law Section

**Date:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Zoom Webinar

Program Chairs: Arleen Huggins, Koskie Minsky LLP

Lorenzo Lisi, Aird & Berlis LLP



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30m

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Back for its 19<sup>th</sup> year, Current Issues in Employment Law is your comprehensive guide for staying up-to-date in the field of employment law. 2020 was a year like no other in the employment law field with new jurisprudence concerning terminations, statutory amendments, new accommodation considerations and an increased focus on online practice. Join our expert faculty who will help you navigate the challenges of interpreting the law, and structuring proactive and practical advice. Whether you represent employees or management, are new to the field, a seasoned lawyer, in-house counsel, or a human resources professional, this event is for you! Grow your expertise and ensure you have the knowledge you need to confidently advise your clients in today's employment environment.

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am The future of Virtual Platforms in Employment Litigation
Joy Noonan, APTUS Conflict Solutions Inc.
John Westdal, APTUS Conflict Solutions Inc.

- Mediations online fully or hybrid models
- "You're on Mute" Striving for Online Excellence
- 9:45 am The Pandemic and Beyond: Current Issues and Future Impact

Esi Codjoe, Turnpenny Milne LLP Priya Sarin, Sherrard Kuzz LLP

- Family Status Accommodation For the Remote
   Workplace and Repatriation of the Workforce
- Litigation impact of layoffs and terminations during and caused by COVID-19 and Constructive Dismissal

10:25 am Mental Health Break

10:40 am Sale of Business and employment issues relating to employment law

Nancy Ramalho, Stikeman Elliot LLP David Whitten, Whitten & Lublin PC

- How to structure and when to make offers of employment
- What liabilities will continue to flow through to Buyers
- What has been the impact of COVID in the context of a sale of a business
- Differing sides of a scenario

## 11:20 am Waksdale and Oceans Nutrition Update

Frank Cesario, Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP Janine Liberatore, Hunter Liberatore Law LLP

- Invalidity of termination provisions in employment agreements and what that means
- Incentive compensation and the termination of employment

 Amending current employment agreements and structuring incentive payments

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Addressing Mental Health in the Workplace

Lorenzo Lisi, Aird & Berlis LLP

**Dr. Thomas Ungar**, Psychiatrist-in-Chief, Mental Health & Addictions Service, Unity Health Toronto – St. Michael's Hospital

- Constructive Knowledge and the process of Accommodation
- Challenges concerning medical documentation in support of disability

1:45 pm Vaccinations in the Workplace

John Illingworth, Mathews Dinsdale & Clark LLP Ernie Schirru, Koskie Minsky LLP

- Can employers require employees and other workplace participants to be vaccinated?
- Suggestions on vaccination policies and protocols
- Differential treatment based on vaccination status
- Mandatory reporting of vaccination status

2:45 pm Mental Health Break

3:00 pm Practical Ethical Issues in Employment Law
Arleen Huggins, Koskie Minsky LLP
Lorenzo Lisi, Aird & Berlis LLP

4:00 pm Webinar Concludes

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