

## Annual Update on Workplace Safety and Insurance Law

### Workers' Compensation Law Section



In-Person



Webcast

**Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Location:** OBA Conference Centre  
20 Toronto Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Toronto



**Program Co-Chairs:** **John Bartolomeo**, Workers' Health and Safety Legal Clinic (Toronto)  
**Jennifer Taylor Chan**, JTC Litigation (Toronto)

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Join us again for our annual conference and get up to speed on the latest substantive and procedural developments in workplace safety and insurance law. Our exceptional faculty will walk you through the key case law from the past 12 months and provide valuable insight and helpful strategies to implement in your practice. Learn from our experienced and highly knowledgeable speakers as they take a comprehensive look at what makes a successful reconsideration request or judicial review of a WSIAT decision, tackle issues related to overlapping jurisdiction, and provide practical guidance on how to resolve challenging ethical issues.

Register now to reserve your spot in this highly anticipated annual program!

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Ten-Minute Refreshers and Updates**

**Margaret Keys**, Office of Worker Adviser (Toronto)

- Making a request for an extension of time

**Jon de Groot**, Associate Director – Registrar Teams, Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal (Toronto)

- COA forms and Tribunal process

**David Wilken**, Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (Toronto)

- How to use and respond to medical discussion papers

**Jennifer J. Griffiths**, Zarek Taylor Grossman Hanrahan LLP (Toronto)

- Bringing/responding to right to sue applications

**Hossein Moghtaderi**, Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP

- WSIB provisions in settlement agreements  
**Stephanie Savoni**, Office of the Employer Adviser (Windsor)
- Update on Mental Health Benefits cases

10:05 am Networking Break

10:20 am **Arguing a Reconsideration or Judicial Review of a WSIAT Decision**

**Kayla Seyler**, Tribunal Counsel, Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal (Toronto)

**Danielle Stampley**, Wright Henry LLP (Toronto)

- Drafting reconsideration requests
- What is the difference between a "do over" and doing it right?
- What you need to know about standard of review
- Implications of *Morningstar/Ferreira/Toronto Star*

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### 10:50 am COVID-19 Claims in the Workplace

**Kathrin Furniss**, Injured Workers Community Legal Clinic (Toronto)

**Kendra Holliday-Bryant**, Stakeholder Relations, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (Toronto)

**Sharon Vaz**, Assistant Director, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (Toronto)

- Latest statistics from WSIB and recent decisions
- Long Covid: Evidence and factors to investigate

### 11:10 am WSIB & WSIAT's Overlapping Jurisdiction with the HRTO and Civil Actions

**Maryth Yachnin**, IAVGO Community Legal Clinic (Toronto)

**Julie Weller**, Mathews Dinsdale & Clark LLP (Toronto)

- Timing concurrent proceedings and ensuring HRTO applications do not get adjourned
- Civil litigation and constructive dismissal considerations
- Framing damages in pleadings before the HRTO and courts

### 11:40 am Annual Case Law Update

**Teresa Gianfelice**, Office of the Worker Adviser (Toronto)

**Jodi Gallagher Healy**, Hicks Morley (London)

- Hear about the most important recent decisions that may impact your practice.

### 12:10 pm Networking Break

### 12:20 pm Ethics and Professionalism in Workers' Compensation Law

**Juda Strawczynski**, LawPRO (Toronto)

**Suzanne M. Dajczak**, Suzanne M. Dajczak Professional Corporation (Windsor)

- Update on contingency fee reforms
- Client communications and managing expectations
- Claims prevention tips

### 12:50 pm Questions and Closing Remarks

### 1:00 pm Program Concludes

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