

Annual Update on Workplace Safety and  
Insurance Law  
Workers' Compensation



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Date:Wednesday, May 15, 2024 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location:OBA Conference Centre  
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Join us at our annual conference to receive the latest updates on workplace safety and insurance law and prepare your practice for a successful year ahead. Learn about the Tribunal’s new process, jurisdiction issues, witness selection, and strategies for the use for surveillance evidence in hearings. Hear from expert practitioners on noteworthy decisions and gain insight in what Tribunal panel members look for in opening and closing statements. This conference will strengthen and fortify your skills in this unique and specialized area of law.

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Program Chairs:

Julie Weller, Partner, Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP  
Julia Noble, Associate Counsel to the Chair, WSIAT  
Cassandra Ma, Legal Counsel, Bell Canada

9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
9:10 am	<b>Jurisdiction</b> Julie Weller, Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP (moderator) John Bartolomeo, Workers’ Health and Safety Legal Clinic Daryl Seupersad, Sherrard Kuzz LLP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review and analysis of <i>Decision No. 1891/18IR</i> and <i>Decision No. 1998/19R</i>.</li><li>What factors are considered when verifying whether issues are within the WSIAT’s jurisdiction to adjudicate?</li><li>When the WSIAT’s jurisdiction includes an issue that is implicitly addressed or that is sequential to the decision under appeal?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Whether to call a witness who no longer works for the employer nor in contact with the worker.</li><li>Best practices for determining the order to call witnesses.</li></ul>
9:40 am	<b>Surveillance Evidence in Workers’ Compensations Claims</b> Cassandra Ma, Bell Canada (moderator) Hossein Moghtaderi, Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP Suzanne Dajczak, Suzanne M. Dajczak Professional Corporation Helen Shaw, Appeals Resolution Officer, WSIB <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Circumstances when a party may wish to rely on surveillance evidence.</li><li>Key strategies for parties producing or defending against surveillance evidence.</li><li>Potential areas of liability for the party conducting surveillance.</li><li>Considerations involving surveillance evidence and employee privacy.</li></ul>	<b>11:00 am Opening and Closing Statements</b> Julia Noble, Associate Counsel to the Chair, WSIAT (moderator) Joanna Smith, Vice-Chair Registrar, WSIAT Natalie Perryman, Vice-Chair, WSIAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What WSIAT panel members wish they could tell representatives.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Structuring your argument effectively.</li><li>Formulating the theory of your case.</li></ul></li></ul>
10:15 am	Break	<b>11:30 pm Break</b>
10:30 am	<b>Witness Selection</b> Julie Weller, Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP (moderator) Carissa Tanzola, Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP Lois Cromarty, Northumberland Community Legal Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When does the WSIAT accept the attendance of an expert witness?</li><li>Strategies to consider for calling a witness who is uncomfortable with testifying.</li></ul>	<b>11:45 am New WSIAT Pre-Hearing Process</b> Julia Noble, Associate Counsel to the Chair, WSIAT (moderator) Nicole Bisson, Director, Appeal Services WSIAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New procedural changes in effect May 6, 2024.</li><li>How this will change your practice at the WSIAT.</li></ul>
		<b>12:00 pm New WSIAT Right to Sue Process</b> Sarah Schumacher, Counsel to the Chair, WSIAT (moderator) Kayla Seyler, Tribunal Counsel Office Lawyer, WSIAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What you need to know about the new WSIAT Practice Direction: Right to Sue Applications.</li><li>How this will change your practice at the WSIAT.</li></ul>
		<b>12:15 pm Noteworthy Decisions</b> Sarah Schumacher, Counsel to the Chair, WSIAT (moderator) Margaret Keys, Office of the Worker Advisor Robin Sensilet, Office of the Employer Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Expert insights on understanding and applying significant cases from the past year.</li></ul>
		<b>1:00 pm</b> Program Concludes

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