

Annual Update on Workplace Safety and Insurance Law

Workers' Compensation Law



In person



Webcast

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: OBA Conference Centre 20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto
Agenda: 8:30 am Registration
 9:00 am Program Commences
 1:00 pm Program Concludes



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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. Strengthen and fortify your knowledge and skills in this unique and specialized area of law, and reconnect with colleagues and friends, at this popular event.

Program Chairs: **John Bartolomeo**, Lawyer/Co-Director, Workers' Health and Safety Legal Clinic
Michael Edmonds, Associate Counsel to the Chair, Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal (WSIAT)

<p>9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>9:10 am Navigating Psychological Injuries John Bartolomeo, Lawyer/Co-Director, Workers' Health and Safety Legal Clinic (Moderator) Hossein Moghtaderi, Partner, Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP Kevin Brown, General Counsel/Manager of the Office of the Worker Adviser Join us to unpack key issues related to psychological injury including psychotraumatic disability, traumatic mental stress (TMS), chronic mental stress (CMS), and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).</p> <p>9:50 am Leading Cases and Leading Decisions Julia Noble, Associate Counsel, Office of Counsel to the Chair, WSIAT (Moderator) Ryan Figueira, Lawyer, Tribunal Counsel Office, WSIAT Emily Sinclair, Reference Librarian, WSIAT Joanna Smith, Vice-Chair Registrar, WSIAT Gather insights on the WSIAT's new leading case Practice Direction and its implications, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How a decision gets designated as a leading case • The difference between a "leading case" and a "leading decision" • Searching for leading decisions • Effectively use leading decisions in your written and oral advocacy. <p>10:30 am Networking Break</p> <p>10:40 am Loss of Earnings (LOE) and Work Disruptions Kelly Rodrigues, Solicitor, The Regional Municipality of Durham (Moderator) John McKinnon, Lawyer and Executive Director, Injured Workers Community Legal Clinic Adam Patel, Solicitor, The Regional Municipality of Durham Explore how work disruptions, including retirement, resignation, and termination, impact loss of earnings (LOE) benefit entitlement.</p> <p>11:20 am Employer Access Requests and Redactions</p>	<p>Lila Amara, Lawyer, WSIB (Moderator) Michael Edmonds, Associate Counsel, Office of Counsel to the Chair, WSIAT (Moderator) Allen Cramm, Lawyer, Office of the Employer Adviser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are access requests processed by the WSIB • Considerations that go into redacting materials before employer access is provided • Key issues and concerns regarding access and redaction of materials <p>12:00 pm Networking Break</p> <p>12:10 pm Case Law Update Tim Schjerner, Lawyer, Rae Christen Jeffries LLP (Moderator) Margaret Keys, Legislative Interpretation Specialist, Office of the Worker Adviser Angela Powell, Partner, Sherrard Kuzz LLP Hear commentary from leading employer and worker representatives about the latest WSIAT case law that every representative should know about</p> <p>12:55 pm Concluding Remarks</p> <p>1:00 pm Program Concludes</p>
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