

NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE ON ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
FOR BOTH PROFESSIONALS AND USERS

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Friday, May 27, 2022, 11 am (EAST)

ONLINE PROGRAM

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Overview

In this year's National Roundtable on Administrative Law, we will take a look at the mental health of both end users and of the people working within the administrative tribunals.

What is the responsibility and duty of the tribunals to accommodate people with mental health issues? How can we differentiate people with mental health issues from vexatious litigants? What are the ethical responsibilities of the tribunal, of the counsel, and of the opposing counsel respectively?

Finally, after two years of pandemic, how are employees and members of the tribunal doing? How are they dealing with exhausted users who have been impacted by the pandemic, on top of their legal concerns? What solutions are we offering to overwhelmed employees?

Join our distinguished panel of tribunal members, lawyers, judges and academics to discuss these current administrative law issues and collectively work towards solutions.

Co-Chairs

Michael Gottheil

*Accessibility Commissioner,
Canadian Human Rights
Commission*

Athanasios Hadjis

*Senior Legal Counsel
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The Honourable Justice

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Participation in this program is accredited in provinces where CLE requirements for lawyers are mandatory.

START TIME ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT TIME ZONES IN CANADA

PT: 8:00 am **MT:** 9:00 am **CT:** 10:00 am **ET:** 11:00 am **AT:** 12:00 pm **NT:** 12:30 pm

NOTE: The time zone used in the program is Eastern Time

AGENDA | FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022

10:00 – 10:45 am VIRTUAL COFFEE [OPTIONAL]

10:45 – 11:00 am LOG IN AND ONLINE PROGRAM SET UP

11:00 – 11:15 am WELCOME REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION

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- **Michael Gottheil**, Accessibility Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission
- **Athanasios Hadjis**, Senior Legal Counsel, Administrative Tribunals Support Service of Canada
- **The Honourable Justice James W. O'Reilly**, Federal Court; Past President, CIAJ

11:15 – 11:35 am THE LAY OF THE LAND: HOW THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE IS FEELING AFTER TWO YEARS OF PANDEMIC

- **Michael Gottheil**, Accessibility Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission

11:45 am – 1 pm THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRIBUNAL TO ACCOMMODATE USERS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

HOW DO WE ENSURE FAIR DECISIONS AND PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS?

Chair

- **Louis Legault**, Director of Legal Services, Régie de l'Énergie du Québec

Speakers

- **Lora Patton**, Vice-Chair, Consent and Capacity Board of Ontario
- **Dr. Donald Netolitzky**, Complex Litigant Management Counsel, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta
- **M^e Marie-Josée Persico**, Director of Legal Office, Tribunal administratif du logement du Québec

1:00 – 1:15 pm BREAK

1:15 – 2:15 pm

THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE COURT OFFICERS AND COURT COUNSEL

Chair

• **Philip Bryden**, QC - Emeritus Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta

Speakers

- **Jamie Springchief**, Human Rights Officer, Alberta Human Rights Commission
- **Lauren J. Wihak**, Partner, McDougall Gauley LLP, Saskatchewan

2:15 – 2:45 pm

PLENARY SESSION

2:45 – 3:15 pm

THIRTY-MINUTE BREAK

3:15 – 4:45 pm

HOW PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGIES TO BETTER MANAGE ANXIETY AND BUILD RESILIENCE

Chair

• **Athanasios Hadjis**, Senior Legal Counsel, Administrative Tribunals Support Service of Canada

Speaker

• **Rachel Thibeault**, O.C., Ph.D, FCAOT, Rachel Thibault, Consultant in psychological resilience and peer support

4:45 – 5:00 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

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