



2023 WSIAT Access to Justice Symposium



October 23, 2023 – 9:30 a.m. (EDT) to 5:30 p.m. (EDT)

In-person check-in: 8:45 a.m. (EDT) to 9:20 a.m. (EDT), refreshments and coffee available

Zoom Webinar log-in: 9:25 a.m. (EDT)

TIME	TOPIC AND SPEAKERS
9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. (10 mins)	Introduction, Welcome and Land Acknowledgement Rosemarie McCutcheon, WSIAT Chair and CEO Guylaine Mageau, WSIAT Senior Manager, Executive Services
9:40 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. (15 mins)	Greetings from the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
9:55 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (50 mins)	A Conversation on Access to Justice with The Honourable Thomas Cromwell Moderator: Katharine Evans, WSIAT, Counsel, Compliance and Strategic Initiatives
10:45 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. (10 mins)	BREAK
10:55 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. (30 mins)	Perspectives on the Current and Future State of Access to Justice in Ontario with David Corbett, Deputy Attorney General Moderator: Rosemarie McCutcheon, WSIAT Chair and CEO
11:25 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. (60 mins)	Access to Justice: The Representatives' View Panel discussion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryth Yachnin, Research and Test Case Lawyer, IAVGO Community Legal Clinic • John McKinnon, Lawyer and Executive Director, Injured Workers Community Legal Clinic. • Carissa Tanzola, Partner, Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP • Julie Weller, Lawyer, Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP Moderator: Julia Noble, WSIAT, Associate Counsel to the Chair
12:25 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. (60 mins)	LUNCH (provided for in-person attendees)
1:25 p.m. to 2:05 p.m. (40 mins)	A Caring Administrative Justice: Reimagining Tribunal Adjudication with a Human-Centered Approach Şule Tomkinson , PhD., Professeure agrégée / Associate Professor, Département de science politique Université Laval Moderator: Linda Gehrke, WSIAT, Vice-Chair
2:05 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. (45 mins)	Measuring and Improving Access to Justice: A2J Indices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Wispinski, CEO and Chief Appeals Commissioner Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation • Nicole Bisson, WSIAT, Director Appeal Services Moderator: Rebecca Woodrow, WSIAT, Tribunal General Counsel
2:50 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (10 mins)	BREAK
3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (30 mins)	Towards an Inclusive and Equitable Adjudicative Culture; Change Starts from Within Lauren Canzius , WSIAT, Director, Diversity and Anti-Racism Office
3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. (45 mins)	Digital Equity, Access to Justice, and Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jennifer Raso, Faculty of Law, McGill University • Kate M. Murray, PhD, Lead Researcher: Legal Aid BC's Achieving Digital Equity Project • Sean Weir, Executive Chair, Tribunals Ontario • Jessica Smith, Director of Courts Digital Transformation Branch, Ministry of the Attorney General Moderator: Sarah Schumacher, WSIAT, Counsel to the Chair
4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. (60 mins)	Hot Topics and Noteworthy Cases on Access to Justice and Workers' Compensation Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay Williamson, General Counsel Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation • Tim Martiniuk, Legal Counsel British Columbia Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal • Suman Furmah, WSIAT, Tribunal Counsel Office Lawyer • Ryan Figueira, WSIAT, Tribunal Counsel Office Articling Student Moderator: Melvin Crystal, WSIAT, Vice-Chair
5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (15 mins)	Closing and thank you by WSIAT Chair and CEO Rosemarie McCutcheon

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