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# Professional Regulation and Discipline

## **Best Practices and Innovation for Regulatory Organizations**

New Cases, Legislation, Trends & Best Practices for Regulatory Bodies



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Leading experts in Professional Regulation will assist you with key challenges including:

- Staying on top of emerging trends, new legislation and novel cases.
- A practical guide to the duty to accommodate in all regulatory processes
- Drawing the line on when you must discipline a registrant for conduct outside the workplace.
- Determining when a professional's right to free speech conflicts with the public interest you must protect.
- Manage challenges and apply a trauma-informed approach in sexual abuse cases
- Right Touch Regulation at College of Registered Nurses of Alberta
- Understand the impact cost decisions will have on your college.
- Discover the technologies that hold the most promise for your organization.

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### DAY ONE PROGRAM AGENDA: TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

10:00 - 10:15 EDT



Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Chair Lisa Braverman, Barrister and Solicitor

10:15 - 11:00 EDT



**Don't Be Left Behind! Stay on Top of New Developments** 

Richard Steinecke, Writer and Educator, Retired Lawyer, Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc Erin MacQuarrie, Associate, Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc



- The tapering off of self-regulation and the ramping up of accountability
- Proactively including the balancing of "Charter values" into regulatory decision making
- Expanding compassionate regulation beyond the complaints process
- Implementing lessons from recent, significant, court cases

11:00 - 11:45 EDT



Human Rights Applied: A Practical Guide to the Duty to Accommodate in Registration, Disciplinary, Quality Assurance and Incapacity Processes

Lisa Feinberg, Lawyer, GlickLaw

Human Rights play into every process in the regulatory context. This session will cover:

- Key human rights principles and laws that apply to regulators
- How the duty to accommodate furthers a regulator's public protection mandate
- How to reconcile any tensions between the duty to accommodate and this public protection mandate
- New developments in the human rights jurisprudence involving regulators
- How to address human rights issues proactively and cost effectively

11:45 - 12:30 EDT



Essential Guidance on Where to Draw the Fine Line: Reacting to Registrant Conduct
Outside the Workplace



Moderator Patricia Harper, Partner, Keel Cottrelle LLP
Dr. Tony DeBono, Registrar, College of Psychologists of Ontario
Zimra Yetnikoff, Director, Investigations and Hearings, College of Psychologists of Ontario

- From registrants who bad-mouth the profession or other professionals, to comments on gender identity, sexual orientation, race, or religion, to expressions of support for one side or the other in the war, this is a difficult area for regulators.
- Where should you draw the line?
- How should you approach situations where a professional's right to free speech may conflict with the public interest regulators must protect?
- The Jordan Peterson case on social media.
- New cases.
- What's the difference between political and discriminatory speech?

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12:30 - 13:30 EDT Break

13:30 - 14:15 EDT



Law Society of Ontario's Discrimination and Harassment Counsel Program: Addressing Discrimination and Harassment in the Profession

Lai-King Hum, Discrimination and Harassment Counsel, DHC Program, Law Society of Ontario / Founder, Hum Law Firm

- What is the Discrimination and Harassment Counsel Program and its purpose?
- How does it contribute to the regulation of member professionals?
- What services are provided by the Discrimination and Harassment Counsel?
- How does the Discrimination and Harassment Counsel Program support the regulatory mandate of the LSO?
- What are other profession regulators doing?

14:15 - 15:00 EDT



### Right Touch Regulation At College of Registered Nurses of Alberta

Elisha Vadnais, Governance Policy Lead, College of Registered Nurses of Alberta Andrew Douglas, Executive Director, Governance, Regulation and Standards, College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CRNA)



- Decision Making and Measuring
- Lessons learned
- How to demonstrate right touch regulation principles in practices and operations;
- Becoming aligned with right touch principles
- Systemic issues and challenges
- Decision Making and Measuring

15:00 - 15:15 EDT Break

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### **Update on Privacy and Cyber Security for Regulated Professional Bodies**

### Constantine Karbaliotis, Counsel, nNovation LLP

As a series of recent incidents, the highly-publicized ones and those not-so-well-known, have demonstrated, the consequences of a privacy or security breach are dire. This session examines the steps organizations are taking to try to stay ahead of the attacks that are coming at them from all directions, with a special focus on the responsibilities of regulated professionals:

- Regulatory considerations affecting privacy and cyber security.
- Preventing the threats: awareness and protection.
- Responding to the incidents: best practices for incident response.
- The role of employees and contractors.
- Insurance: Ensuring you have, and have available, the right Insurance.

16:00 EDT

**End of Day One** 

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### DAY TWO PROGRAM AGENDA: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

10:00 - 10:15 EDT Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Chair

10:15 - 11:00 EDT



Jamie Robertson, Deputy Registrar, Ontario College of Teachers Jean-Francois Schaan, Professional Conduct Manager, Ontario College of Teachers



- When does a complaint go to a hearing?
- Who hears the case?
- Powers of the Disciplinary Committee.
- Witnesses and evidence.
- New issues in costs impact on regulators.

### 11:00 - 11:45 EDT

### **Handling Challenges Related to Reinstatement**

### Lisa Braverman, Barrister and Solicitor

- Introduction: reinstatement vs restoration vs readmission
- Timing and nature of reinstatement application
- Burden of proof and standard of proof
- · Procedure at reinstatement hearing
- Reinstatement without a hearing
- Test for reinstatement and relevant court decisions
- Practical fact scenarios

### 11:45 - 12:30 EDT

**Technological Advances: Al and More - What Will Benefit Your Organization?** *Jordan Glick, Founder and Partner Lawyer, GlickLaw* 

Denitha Breau, Registrar and CEO, Ontario College of Social Workers and Social



- What technologies hold the most promise for your organization?
- Determining your digital evolution.
- Becoming future-ready for a more agile and efficient, regulatory landscape.
- Role of AI in professional organizations.

12:30 - 13:30 EDT Break



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13:30 - 14:15 EDT



### **Protecting the Public Interest: Incapacity Process and Hearings**

Yufei (Fiona) Wang, Prosecution Lead, College of Massage Therapists of Ontario (CMTO)



### Al Pomerant, Manager, Investigations, College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

- What role does the Regulator play in monitoring a registrant's conduct when there are physical or mental health challenges and concerns that may impact patient safety?
- Inquiries relating to the capacity of a registrant
- Physical or mental examinations during an inquiry
- Interim orders related to incapacity
- In's and out's of an incapacity hearing.

14:15 - 15:00 EDT



### **Understanding Defence Counsel's Perspective**

### Emma Gardiner, Partner, Rosen Sunshine

- Where will defence counsel focus?
- Where are the weaknesses in the college's case?
- Legal knowledge, specific requirements and context needed to defend professionals.

15:00 - 15:15 EDT Break

15:15 - 16:00 EDT



### **Trauma Informed and Remote Investigation**

### Flora Vineberg, Workplace Investigator and Trainer, Rubin Thomlinson LLP

- Understanding trauma
- Definition of trauma informed approach to investigations
- Where is trauma informed investigation appropriate
- Considerations in selecting an investigator
- · What employers need to know

16:00 EDT

**End of Day Two** 

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