



2022 BCCAT EDUCATION CONFERENCE
PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR A MODERN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW WORLD
October 19 & 20, 2022

Day One: October 19

- 9:30 – 10:00 **CONFERENCE OPENING**
Tsawwassen First Nation
John Mayr, BCCAT
Amber Prince, BCCAT
- 10:00 - 10:30 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:**
Shannon Salter, Deputy Attorney General for BC
- 10:30 – 10:45 **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:35 **GOVERNANCE & DECISION-MAKING AT TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION:
REFLECTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COMMUNITY**
Andrew Bak, Tsawwassen First Nation
Mary Childs, Tsawwassen First Nation
- 11:35 – 11:50 **BREAK**
- 11:50 – 12:40 **WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS**
Dayna Cornwall, The National Self-Represented Litigants Project

The National Self-Represented Litigants Project (NSRLP) presents practical strategies for effective working relationships with self-represented litigants (SRLs) using tribunal processes. The presentation will cover best practices regarding SRLs around plain language, process information, active adjudication, and more, and will include information and strategies particularly around assisting SRLs who require accommodations for disabilities. Practical resources for both adjudicators/staff and SRLs will be covered.

12:40 – 1:20

LUNCH BREAK

1:20 – 2:10

PUTTING TRAUMA-INFORMED PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE

Halie Kwanxwa'loga Bruce, Cedar and Sage Law

2:10 – 2:25

BREAK

2:25 – 3:15

TRIBUNAL SECRECY

Kate Phipps, Arvay Finlay

Robert W. Grant, Q.C., Gall Legge Grant Zwack

Deliberative secrecy typically protects administrative decision-makers' deliberations from disclosure. However, it does not protect administrative decision-makers to the same extent as courts, and on judicial review, it may be lifted where it is necessary to examine the process that was followed. When it is appropriate to look behind the curtain, and what impact might doing so have on tribunal independence? Join our speakers for a lively discussion on the purpose and extent of tribunal secrecy, including a discussion of what material is protected from disclosure, why it is protected and the extent of any exceptions.

3:15 – 3:30

BREAK

3:30 – 4:20

MORE THAN YOUR EMAIL SIGNATURE: PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR TRIBUNALS AND BOARDS FOR SUBSTANTIVE INCLUSIVITY

*Kay Scorer, Decision-Maker, Refugee Protection Division,
Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada*

Lee M.G. Nevens, Second Vice President, CBABC;

Co-Chair, CBABC Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Community Section

Join our speakers as they review the steps that tribunals have taken in addressing gender inclusivity. They will review why inclusive policies and procedures are important, what areas of your practice you should be reviewing, and inclusive best practices.

4:20 – 4:30

CLOSING REMARKS

Amber Prince, BCCAT

Day Two: October 20

8:15 – 8:20

CONFERENCE OPENING

David Bird, BCCAT

8:20 – 8:50

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: THE FUTURE OF ACCESS TO ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE

The Honourable Lorne Sossin, Court of Appeal for Ontario

8:50 – 9:00

BREAK

9:00 – 10:15

SYSTEMS FOR SUCCESS: TIPS AND TOOLS FOR WRITING YOUR BEST DECISIONS

Caroline Mandell, Mandell Coaching

Join Caroline Mandell for a jam-packed, skills-centered, decision-writing workshop. Ms. Mandell will provide coaching on the decision-making process and offer practical strategies, rooted in cognitive psychology, to help participants do their best work.

10:15 – 10:30

BREAK

10:30 – 11:20

CASE LAW UPDATE

Meera Bennett, Ministry of Attorney General

Robert Danay, Ministry of Attorney General

11:20 – 11:30

BREAK

11:30 – 12:20

JUSTICE WORK AS HEALING WORK

Myrna McCallum, Miyo Pimatisiwin Legal Services

12:20 – 12:30

CONFERENCE CLOSING

Tsawwassen First Nation

David Bird, BCCAT