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Fundamentals of Administrative Law & Practice

An In-Depth, Practical Guide for Lawyers, Arbitrators and Tribunal Members

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This comprehensive and practical two-day course will give you a solid understanding of the essential legal issues in administrative law, including the latest updates on:

- ◆ Improving practice before administrative tribunals
- ◆ Sources of procedural fairness and the right to be heard
- ◆ Legal status of tribunal rules, policies and guidelines
- ◆ Obtaining, presenting and receiving evidence in administrative proceedings
- ◆ Making tribunal decisions and writing effective reasons
- ◆ And much more!

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- ◆ A comprehensive review of the sources of procedural fairness
- ◆ Overview of the rules of natural justice and procedural fairness
- ◆ Exploring the availability of *Charter* remedies at the tribunal level
- ◆ Dealing effectively with evidentiary issues in administrative proceedings
- ◆ Making tribunal decisions and writing effective reasons
- ◆ Practical tips on improving practice before administrative tribunals

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We look forward to seeing you at the program in April!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- ◆ Members of administrative tribunals (both lawyers and non-lawyers)
- ◆ Tribunal counsel
- ◆ Government lawyers
- ◆ Tribunal and government staff (non-lawyers)
- ◆ Arbitrators
- ◆ Mediators
- ◆ Lawyers in private practice

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8:00 **Registration Opens and Coffee Served**

8:45 **Introduction and Overview**

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9:00 **Procedural Fairness: The Right to be Heard**

Freya J. Kristjanson

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Sources of Procedural Fairness

- The common law duty of fairness
- Statutory procedural requirements
- Constitutional rights

The Right to Be Heard

- Notice and discovery
 - Disclosure of evidence
 - Expansion of the scope of the hearing
- The right to state one's case

The type of hearing: written or oral

- The right to counsel
- Time to present one's case
- The right to cross-examine witnesses
- Remedies for a breach of the right to be heard

9:45 **The Spectrum of Administrative Decision-Making**

Leslie M. McIntosh

Adjunct Professor Administrative Law

Osgoode Hall Law School

Former General Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General, Ontario

- Overview of the rules of natural justice and procedural fairness
- What decisions are governed by these rules?
- What decisions are "purely ministerial" decisions?
- Adjudicative decisions
- Key cases on whether a decision meets the criteria for application of these rules

10:15 **Networking Refreshment Break**

10:30 **Rules, Policies, Guidelines**

Josée Turcotte

Deputy Secretary and Independent

Adjudicative Counsel

Ontario Securities Commission

Carolyn Slon

Legal Counsel

Ontario Securities Commission

- Role of the tribunal in promulgating procedural rules
- What kinds of policies and guidelines can a tribunal make?
- Best practices in drafting policies and guidelines
- Legal status of tribunal rules, policies and guidelines
- Most difficult and problematic areas of administrative law
- Special issues re self-represented litigants

11:15 **The Charter and Administrative Proceedings**

Owen Rees

Partner

Stockwoods LLP

- The SCC decision in *Conway*: what does it mean for tribunals and section 24(1) *Charter* remedies?
- How to deal with *Charter* arguments before a tribunal
- Availability of *Charter* remedies at the tribunal level
- Reviewing the constitutional validity of the enabling statute: who can do what?
- Can a tribunal review other legislative provisions in light of the *Charter*?
- What should be put on the record in contemplation of judicial review proceedings based on a *Charter* argument?
- Standard of review of *Charter* and constitutional decisions – implications for administrative tribunals

12:00 **Networking Luncheon for Delegates and Speakers**



1:15 **Obtaining, Presenting and Receiving Evidence in Administrative Proceedings**

Andrew K. Lokan

Partner

Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

- Obtaining evidence on behalf of a party other than the tribunal: tips and traps
- When can a tribunal compel witnesses to appear or produce documents?
- A tribunal's right to gather evidence at its own instance

- How far do disclosure requirements go in administrative proceedings? How far can claims of confidentiality be sustained?
- Third party privacy and confidentiality claims
- The centrality of relevance
- Arguing admissibility issues before a tribunal: winning strategies
- Effective use of expert evidence before tribunals
- Application of the “best evidence rule” to administrative proceedings
- Other key issues raised by recent decisions

2:00 **Regulatory Negligence: Update**

Stephen J. Moreau

Partner

Cavalluzzo Hayes Shilton McIntyre & Cornish LLP

- Recent case law
- The limits of statutory immunity clauses
- Policy-making risks
- Investigations and regulatory negligence
- Best practices
- Strategies for reducing exposure

2:45 **Networking Refreshment Break**

3:00 **Improving Practice before Administrative Tribunals**

Paul B. Sommerville

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Expert advice on the keys to success when appearing before administrative tribunals, and how to avoid making the most common mistakes.

Topics covered will include:

- Running fair and effective hearings
- Dealing with adjournments
- Time limits and other hearing control techniques
- Dealing with different kinds of expert evidence
- Technology and tribunals – the good, the bad and the ugly
- Self-represented litigants – tips for success
- What tribunal members really want from counsel at a hearing

- Writing reasons: tips from tribunal members
- Addressing ethical issues arising in administrative law practice

4:30 **Course Adjourns**

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8:45 **Coffee Served**

9:00 **Course Resumes: Opening Remarks**

9:15 **Bias and Lack of Independence**

Jeff G. Cowan

Partner

WeirFoulds LLP

- The legal tests for bias and lack of independence
- Common law grounds for alleging bias
- Recent decisions on what constitutes a reasonable apprehension of bias
- Under what circumstances should a possible issue of bias be raised by counsel or by the adjudicator?
- How much detail should be part of the disclosure?
- Who decides the issue of bias?
- When should there be a voluntary withdrawal by the adjudicator?

10:00 **Privacy and Access to Information**

David Goodis

Director of Legal Services and General Counsel
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Paul Schabas

Partner

Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

- Disclosure, privacy and access: striking the balance
- Recent case law on the application of access and privacy legislation to tribunals
- Third party privacy/access issues
- Tribunal technology and privacy risks
- Access to pleadings and exhibits
- Top tips for lawyers and tribunals

10:45 **Networking Refreshment Break**

11:00 **Making Tribunal Decisions and Writing Effective Reasons**

Aaron Dantowitz

Partner

Stockwoods LLP

- Consultations among decision-makers
- The role of tribunal counsel during deliberations
- Consultations with others
- Burden of proof at a hearing
- Standard of proof
- Evaluating credibility
- Key elements of an administrative law decision
- Duty to give reasons
- What formats for decisions work well and why?
- How much detail should be given in various types of decisions?
- How extensively should the facts be reviewed?
- Do the decision and reasons need to address every argument raised during the proceedings?
- Are boilerplate statements appropriate?
- Reviewing a decision to consider grounds for appeal, reconsideration or review: a checklist
- Are there “appeal-proof” ways to write decisions?

12:15 **Networking Luncheon for Delegates and Speakers** 

1:30 **Penalties**

M. Jill Dougherty
Counsel
WeirFoulds LLP

- Penalty guidelines
- Interim suspensions/discipline
- General deterrence vs. specific deterrence
- The “public interest” and penalties
- Mitigation: restitution and remorse?
- Alternatives

2:15 **Networking Refreshment Break**

2:30 **Key Administrative Law Issues**

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Andrew Wray
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- The standard of review – recent developments
- Differences between judicial review and appeals
- Standing of tribunals on judicial review/appeal
- Exhaustion of alternative remedies and prematurity
- Reasons and judicial review

- Remedies available on judicial review
- Tribunal reconsideration and review
- Recent Supreme Court decisions and Administrative Law

3:45 **Course Concludes Closing Remarks**



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Lawyers and non-lawyers alike will leave this course with a solid understanding of the latest and most essential issues in administrative law – knowledge that you will immediately be able to put to use on a daily basis.

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Top Reasons to Attend

- ✓ Expand your knowledge of the rules of natural justice and procedural fairness
- ✓ Improve your practice before administrative tribunals
- ✓ Understand the remedies available on judicial review
- ✓ Learn best practices for drafting policies, guidelines and reasons

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