

2013 Professional Regulation Webinar: Human Rights and the Charter

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Professional Regulation, Human Rights and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Human rights and *Charter* rights apply to every stage of the regulatory process, but it's not always obvious how to respect them.

Our two-hour webinar will focus on how professional regulatory processes engage with human rights and *Charter* issues. The webinar will help viewers identify and address such issues.

We will begin the webinar by

introducing human rights codes in Canada, and the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. We will then discuss the junctures in the regulatory process where such issues are most likely to arise, and options for handling them.

We will also highlight key cases that provide guidance on how to handle (or how not to handle) such issues when they arise.

Agenda of topics

1. Fundamentals of human rights codes and the *Charter*

- The *Charter*, protected rights and freedoms, and their application to regulatory bodies
- Human rights codes in Canada, prohibited areas of discrimination, and their application to regulatory bodies

2. Where human rights and *Charter* issues arise in the regulatory process

- Administering regulatory processes
- Investigations in registration and inquiry
 - ◊ Requirement for disclosure of personal information
 - ◊ Requirement for medical assessments
- Registration decisions
 - ◊ Application processes
 - ◊ Examination processes
 - ◊ Place of origin and race
 - ◊ Disabilities
 - ◊ Language
 - ◊ Citizenship
- Disciplinary decisions
 - ◊ Places of origin and race
 - ◊ Disabilities
 - ◊ Personal and political activities

3. Ten points for hearing panels

More information: See our blog, *Suite210*, at www.ngariss.com/blog. Re-view our articles on human rights and *Charter* issues, and see our News and Events entry for additional information.

Materials: Materials will be included as part of your registration fee, and sent out to you before the webinar on Jan 16, 2013

Q&A: The webinar will include a live question and answer period.

Instructions for submitting questions will be provided in the materials.

Where: Your computer, iPad, iPhone (or any smartphone)

When: January 16, 2013 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am (Pacific time)

Registration: If not attached, please download a registration form at NAF's blog, www.ngariss.com/blog or contact Osiris Buendia at (604) 331-1155

Registration ends: Monday, January 14, 2013 at 5:00 pm

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Angela Westmacott started her practice with the Ministry of Attorney General, Legal Services Branch, first in the Civil Litigation section and then in the Constitutional and Administrative Law Section. In 1997, she and Deborah Lovett, Q.C. established their own public law practice in Victoria. She has experience advising, appearing before and representing an array of public bodies, agencies and tribunals, including colleges of self-regulating professions, with extensive experience at all levels of court. She is a former sessional instructor at UVIC Law School and co-author of the Administrative Justice Project Background Paper on Human Rights Review. She has spoken and conducted extensive training in the area of administrative law for a wide range of public bodies.

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Lisa C. Fong practices a blend of commercial and administrative law. In the area of professional regulatory law, she has advised both professional regulatory bodies and professionals. Her work with professional regulatory bodies includes advising on registration, inquiry, and disciplinary matters. In these areas, Ms. Fong has advised on a wide range of topic including scopes of practice and titles, fitness to practice, human rights and *Charter* requirements, labour mobility, investigations, inspections, search and seizures, extraordinary hearings, disciplinary hearings, and appeals and reviews. In addition, Ms. Fong has assisted professional regulatory bodies with self-governance issues including regulatory organization, bylaws, policies, and guidelines. She and her firm have provided a number of workshops on a variety of issues including self governance, inquiry processes, supervision processes, publication, decision making, and disciplinary hearings.

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