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ECRoB Project Legal Outreach for the Disability of Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS)

Workshop in Manitoba: **Accessible justice and human rights for persons with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS)**

Date: **September 19, 2024**
Time: **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST/ 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM CDT**

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vdO2urT4sH9zv2S2LLqG6-EHcahxFN1md>

AGENDA

2:00 PM - 2:10 PM

INTRODUCTION:

Rohini Peris, President & CEO, Environmental Health Associations of Canada and Québec

Robert Lattanzio, Lawyer & Executive Director, ARCH Disability Law Center

2:10 PM - 2:30 PM

MEDICO-LEGAL ASPECTS OF MCS:

Dr. John Molot, Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa

- Biological mechanisms of MCS
- The weight of evidence
- Requirements for medical expertise in MCS
- Questions lawyers should ask to better understand client's accommodation needs.

2:30 PM - 2:40 PM

LIVED EXPERIENCE

- Pre-recorded video presentation from a person with lived experience of MCS

2:40 PM - 2:50 PM

ACCOMMODATION MEASURES FOR MCS

Rohini Peris, President & CEO, Environmental Health Associations of Canada and Québec

2:50 PM - 3:05 PM

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA

Megan Fultz, Human Rights Advocate/Lawyer, Manitoba's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner:

- Human Rights and the Law in Manitoba for People with MCS

3:05 PM - 3:30 PM

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:

Dr. Sandra Krahn, Executive Director of the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties (MARL)

- Systemic barriers across education, healthcare, employment, and legal systems

Heather Walkus, National Chair, Council of Canadians with Disabilities

- How disability must be taken into consideration in all areas of community life.

3:30 PM - 3:50 PM

Panel discussions and Questions & Answers

Robert Lattanzio, Lawyer & Executive Director, ARCH Disability Law Center

Megan Fultz, Human Rights Advocate/Lawyer, Manitoba's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner

Dr. John Molot, Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa

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Rohini Peris, President & CEO, Environmental Health Associations of Canada and Québec

3:50 PM - 4:00 PM

CLOSING

Robert Lattanzio – Lawyer & Executive Director, ARCH Disability Law Center

- Access to justice issues facing MCS communities drawn from ARCH's legal practice
- The duty to accommodate in the delivery of legal services
- Effective strategies for an accessible practice as it relates to MCS
- About the ECRoB project (Empowering Community and Removal of Barriers)
- And the creation of the **Legal Advisory Committee as part of ECRoB**

Rohini Peris, President & CEO, Environmental Health Associations of Canada and Québec