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

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

**Date:** April 25, 2024

**Time:** 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM CST

**Registration** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZloc-6prDstG9V39ZWWBQRp8GDP55XpXrmP>

**This program qualifies for 2 ½ CPD hours (all of which qualify as ethics hours) under the Law Society of Saskatchewan Continuing Professional Development Policy**

### **AGENDA**

**1:30 PM - 1:45 PM**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

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

**Robert Lattanzio**, LLB - Executive Director, ARCH Disability Law Center

**Christine Johnston**, Admissions & Education Counsel, Law Society of Saskatchewan

**1:45 PM - 2:05 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.

**2:05 PM - 2:15 PM**                      **LIVED EXPERIENCE OF MCS**

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

**2:15 PM - 2:25 PM**                      **ACCOMMODATION MEASURES FOR MCS**

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

**2:25 PM - 2:35 PM**                      **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF SASKATCHEWAN**

**Robin Mowat**, Systemic Initiatives, Saskatchewan's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner:

- Human Rights Protections for People Experiencing Disability in Saskatchewan

In this presentation, Robin Mowat will provide information about *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*, the prohibition on discrimination towards people with disabilities, the duty to accommodate, and the human rights complaint process.

**2:35 PM - 2:50 PM**                      **LAWYER PRESENTATION – Saskatchewan Bar**

**Samantha Neill**, BA (Hons), LLB, Q.Arb, Acting Legal Director, Legal Aid Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Rural

- Respecting individual rights and freedoms

**2:50 PM – 3:05 PM**                      **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

**Julian Bodnar**, B.Sc. Ag., B.A., LLB., Consulting, Advocacy, Speaking, & Training Services

- Understanding and Relating to Disability Better: A Primer for MCS

**3:05 PM - 3:20 PM**

**Heather Walkus**, National Chair, Council of Canadians with Disabilities

**Brenda Edel**, Barrier Free Saskatchewan, Advocacy and Allyship

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

**3:20 PM - 3:50 PM**

**AUDIENCE Q&A**

**Robert Lattanzio**, LLB - Executive Director, ARCH Disability Law Center

**Robin Mowat**, Systemic Initiatives, Saskatchewan's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner

**Samantha Neill**, BA (Hons), LLB, Q.Arb, Acting Legal Director, Legal Aid Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Rural

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

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

**3:50 PM – 4:00 PM**

**CLOSING**

**Robert Lattanzio**, LLB – Executive Director, ARCH Disability Law Centre

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

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