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National conference event

Breaking Barriers: Advancing Accessibility and Human Rights for People with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS)

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

Date: November 21, 2024

Time: 1:30 PM – 4:45 PM EST

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Registration Link:

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AGENDA

1:30 PM – 1:50 PM

INTRODUCTION:

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

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

Paul Lupien, President, La Confédération des organismes de personnes handicapées du Québec (COPHAN)

- ***Disability Inclusion for Accessibility***

1:50 PM – 2:10 PM

ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS CANADA:

Dino Zuppa, CEO, Accessibility Standard Canada

- ***Accessibility Standards Canada: Removing Accessibility Barriers***

Chief Executive Officer, Dino Zuppa, will share the latest updates on the work Accessibility Standards Canada is doing for the removal of accessibility barriers and how to get involved in upcoming work.

2:10 PM – 2:30 PM

LIVED EXPERIENCE

Renu Bakshi - Person with the lived experience of MCS

- ***Canary in a Coal Mine – My Unsafe World***
 - My life impaired
 - Why I had to accommodate myself in employment and housing
 - What needs to happen for people to live safely

Awarded former journalist, News Anchor

Top 500 Most Influential Business Leaders in BC (2023)



2:30 PM – 2:50 PM

MCS OVERVIEW, KEY TAKEAWAYS ECROB PROJECT

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

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

2:50 PM – 3:10 PM

ECRoB LEGAL RESEARCH

Robert Lattanzio and Devin Glim, articling student at ARCH Disability Law Centre, will provide an overview of the legal research component of the ECRoB project which reviewed tribunal and court decisions from across Canada that raise Multiple Chemical Sensitivity. Robert and Devin will describe the research methodology and process that was undertaken and will offer a breakdown of the tribunal and court decisions that were part of the legal research and analysis. They will offer reflections on the research and identify key themes that flowed from the decisions that were analysed.

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

Devin Glim, ARCH Disability Law Centre, Articling Student

3:10 PM – 3:20 PM: HEALTH BREAK

3:20 PM - 3:40 PM

CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Zoë Merkley, Policy Analyst, Canadian Human Rights Commission

- ***Adopting a Human Rights-Based Approach when Accommodating MCS***



3:40 PM - 4:00 PM

Bruce Zevallos, Paralegal/Injured Worker Advocate

- ***MCS and Workers' Comp: Update on Case Law***

The presentation will address recent developments on workers' entitlement to Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) caused by exposures to Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and highlight the key takeaways from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal Decisions Nos. 953 21 and 954 21 were recently rendered on August 21, 2024 (Ontario).

4:00 PM – 4:40 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

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Bruce Zevallos, Paralegal/Injured Worker Advocate

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

Heather Walkus, National Chair, Council of Canadians with Disabilities

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CLOSING

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

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