

# 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Mel Myers Labour Conference

March 16-17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre  
1808 Wellington Ave., Winnipeg, MB

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEL MYERS LABOUR CONFERENCE AGENDA

### > THURSDAY MARCH 16, 2023

**7:30AM – 8:30AM:** REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

**8:30AM – 8:45AM:** CONFERENCE OPENING AND WELCOME

**8:45AM – 10:15AM:** Plenary Session - Unions on Political Activity  
**Presenters:** Niall Harney - Errol Black Chair in Labour Issues  
 Bea Bruske - President - Canadian Labour Congress  
 Greg Bartel - Partner - Myers LLP

**10:15AM – 10:30AM:** REFRESHMENT BREAK

#### 10:30AM – 12:00PM: SESSION A

SESSION A	PRESENTERS
A1: Satisfying The Duty of Fair Representation	Shannon Carson - Partner - Myers LLP Cleyton Rückl - Associate - Myers LLP
A2: Workers Charged and Convicted of a Crime	Greg Bartel - Partner - Myers LLP Joel Deeley - Partner - Myers LLP Lisa LaBossiere - Partner - Myers LLP
A3: Interactive Discipline	Garth Smorang - Partner - Myers LLP Kristen Worbanski - Associate - Myers LLP Cast announced at event
A4: The Duty to Accommodate for Beginners - Back to Basics	Trevor Ray - Partner - Myers LLP Jeff Smorang - Associate - Myers LLP

**12:00PM – 1:15PM:** LUNCH

**Presentation:** Rainbow Resource Centre

#### 1:15PM – 2:45PM: SESSION B

SESSION B	PRESENTERS
B1: Strike Options: It's Not All or Nothing	Susan Dawes - Partner - Myers LLP Greg Bartel - Partner - Myers LLP John Harvie - Partner - Myers LLP
B2: Unions 101	Paul McKenna - Partner - Myers LLP Jeff Smorang - Associate - Myers LLP
B3: Workers Charged and Convicted of a Crime (REPEAT OF SESSION A2)	Joel Deeley - Partner - Myers LLP Lisa LaBossiere - Partner - Myers LLP
B4: Interactive Discipline (REPEAT OF SESSION A3)	Garth Smorang - Partner - Myers LLP Kristen Worbanski - Associate - Myers LLP Cleyton Rückl - Associate - Myers LLP Cast announced at event

2:45PM – 3:00PM: REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:00PM – 4:30PM: **SESSION C**

SESSION C	PRESENTERS
C1: Health and Safety Update	Shannon Carson – Partner – Myers LLP Cleyton Rückl – Associate – Myers LLP
C2: Ask a Labour Lawyer	Paul McKenna – Partner – Myers LLP Helen Krahn – MGEU Legal Counsel
C3: Interest Arbitration- What is it and Can it Work for Your Union?	Susan Dawes – Partner – Myers LLP Joel Deeley – Partner – Myers LLP
C4: Duty to Accommodate – An Advanced Perspective	Trevor Ray – Partner – Myers LLP Clair Cerilli – Associate – Myers LLP

4:30PM – 6:30PM – RECEPTION

## > FRIDAY MARCH 17, 2023

7:30AM – 8:30AM: BREAKFAST

8:30AM – 10:15AM: Plenary Session: Surviving to Thriving: A Guide to Self Health during a Pandemic  
**Presenter:** Sylvia Marusyk, MindBody Works

10:15AM – 10:30AM: REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:30AM – 12:00PM: **SESSION D**

SESSION D	PRESENTERS
D1: Satisfying the Duty of Fair Representation (REPEAT OF SESSION A1)	Shannon Carson – Partner – Myers LLP Cleyton Rückl – Associate – Myers LLP
D2: Strike Options: It's Not All or Nothing (REPEAT OF SESSION B1)	Greg Bartel – Partner – Myers LLP Joel Deeley – Partner – Myers LLP Lisa LaBossiere – Partner – Myers LLP
D3: Social Media Update	Kristen Worbanski – Associate – Myers LLP Clair Cerilli – Associate – Myers LLP
D4: How to Lose an Arbitration	Garth Smorang – Partner – Myers LLP Paul McDonald – MGEU Legal Counsel

12:00PM – 1:15PM: LUNCH

**Presentation from Wab Kinew** – Leader of the Manitoba New Democratic Party

1:15PM – 2:45PM: Top Cases of 2022

2:45PM – CONFERENCE WRAP UP

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