



**THE ASSOCIATION OF LABOR RELATIONS AGENCIES
66th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Portland, Oregon**

Advocates Day

July 24, 2017

Labor Relations in 2017: Relic or Relevant

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

**Please note that the agenda will be updated and adjusted as full confirmations are received.*

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 am **Registration/Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. **Opening**

Ginette Brazeau - ALRA President

8:40 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Bridging the Divide: Oregon Perspectives**

The Honorable Kate Brown - Governor of Oregon (Invited)

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Engaging for Change – The Challenges for the Institution of
Collective Bargaining**

Tom Kochan, PhD – Co-Director, MIT Sloan Institute for Employment and Work Research

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Health Break**

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Defining the Issues of Struggle in Transformational Times:
Collective Bargaining, Collective Activism and Confrontation,
New Forms of Work, Collective Representation – Are the Current
Laws Adequate**

Moderator

Jennifer Abruzzo - Deputy General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board

Panelists

David Rolf - President, SEIU 775, International Vice President, SEIU
Angie Wei – Chief of Staff, California Labor Federation
Matthew Ginsburg – Associate General Counsel, AFL-CIO
Harry Secaras – Attorney, Ogletree Deakins
Ross Friedman – Attorney, Morgan Lewis

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Managing Change: Trudeau and Trump – Neutrality in a Politically Charged Environment**

Ginette Brazeau – Chair, Canada Industrial Relations Board
Phillip Miscimarra – Chair, National Labor Relations Board

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **The Changing Course on Trade – Building Walls and Expanding Trade**

Hassan Yussuff – President, Canadian Labour Congress
Steven Gilbert – Sr. Advisor, Global Human Resources for the HR Policy Association and
Executive Director, Latin American Employee Relations Group

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Health Break**

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Defining and Celebrating Success: Gaining Strategic Advantage through Collaborative Partnerships**

Moderator

Tom Kochan, PhD – Co-Director, MIT Sloan Institute for Employment and Work Research

Several union-management partnerships from the private and public sector will be showcased, highlighting how the partnerships were developed, have sustained and helped the organizations achieve and sustain a strategic business advantage and success.

5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. **Concluding Remarks**

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Advocates' Day Reception**