

ALRA 2022 Conference
Advocates' Day Agenda: Monday, July 25, 2022

12:30 – 12:35 p.m. – Welcome and Opening Remarks from ALRA President, Susan Panepento, Chair and Director, NYC Office of Collective Bargaining

12:35 – 1:45 p.m. The Post-Pandemic Workplace – A thought provoking review and commentary on the “new” workplace in a possible post-pandemic world.

Speakers: Jim Stanford, Economist and Director of the Centre for Future Work

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Break

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – New Initiatives at the National Labour Relations Board – In July 2021, Jennifer Abruzzo was sworn in for a four-year term as General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. Her role is independent from the Board and is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of unfair labor practices cases and for the general supervision of the NLRB field offices in the processing of cases. In this session, you will hear directly from the General Counsel on the various initiatives undertaken by her office.

Speaker: Jennifer Abruzzo

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. – Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Mediation in a Time of Covid and Post Covid – The limitations and opportunities of online mediation - In March 2020, mediation of collective bargaining disputes and other labour relations conflicts were thrust into a new era of virtual work. In this round table panel discussion, you will hear from Canadian and American mediators at both the national and state level who took their work online and learnt some lessons along the way.

Panel discussion, facilitated by Nancy Rosenberg, Member, Federal Public Sector Labour Relations and Employment Board (Canada)

Speakers:

Janet F. Gillman, State Conciliator, Oregon Employment Relations Board (USA)

Javier Ramirez, Deputy Director of Field Operations, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services (US)

TBD, representative, Federal Public Sector Labour Relations and Employment Board (Canada)