

ALRA 2022 Conference
Professional Development Agenda: Tuesday, July 26, 2022

12:30 – 12:45 p.m. – Welcome and Opening Remarks from ALRA President, Mike Sellars, Executive Director, Washington Public Employment Relations Commission

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. ALRA Updates – Overview of developments in labor relations agencies – A recap of developments (both COVID and non-COVID related) in local, state, and federal labor relations agencies in the United States and Canada.

Speakers: Ginette Brazeau, Chair, Canada Industrial Relations Board, and Lauren McFerran, Chair, National Labor Relations Board

Moderators: Lindsay Foley, Acting Regional Director and Registrar, Canada Industrial Relations Board, and Sarah Cudahy, Senior Advisor, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (US)

1:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Break

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. – Neutrality Buffet – You will be able to learn about three topics facilitated by ALRA members. The buffet options include: Managing a Hybrid Team; Using Social Media as a Neutral; Return of the ALRA Book Club; Mindfulness in Your Practice; Creating Work/Life Boundaries; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility; Active Adjudication; Unique Issues regarding Self-Represented Parties; Making Hybrid Technology Work in Your Practice: Lessons Learned.

3:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – The Right to Disconnect – The Right to Disconnect (RDT) – In this new era of virtual work, what are the fundamentals of the RDT from work, often defined as not engaging in work-related communications, of any forms, for a certain period of time. What are the benefits, the pitfalls and the ins and outs of policies concerning the RDT.

Facilitator: Jean Daniel Tardif, Senior Director of Regional Operations and Senior Registrar, Canada Industrial Relations Board/ATSSC

Speakers: Michael Church, Partner at CaleyWray, and Jennifer Hodgins, Partner at Norton Rose Fulbright.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – ALRA Social Hour – Join us for trivia and small group discussions!