

Work Refusal During a Pandemic



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About the Webinar

Since the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared a pandemic as cases of the COVID-19 continue to increase in Canada. Canadian employers are increasingly dealing with occupational health and safety issues in their workplace. In particular, there has been a number of reported cases of workers exercising their right to refuse unsafe work, one of the most important protections that workers have under occupational health and safety legislation.

Our speaker is here to answer all questions pertaining to Work Refusal during this webinar. You have the opportunity to ask lawyer and author, Norm Keith the questions you need answering.

If you need to know anything about work refusal during a pandemic, you should register for this event.

About the Speaker

Norm Keith practices labour, employment, human rights (LEHR), regulatory, environmental, anti-corruption, business crime and constitutional litigation. He is a trusted advisor to corporate boards, executives and senior managers regarding people and culture risk management.

Norm is the leading Occupational Health and Safety (“OHS”) lawyer in Canada. He has successfully defended more than 1,000 health & safety, environmental, workers’ compensation fraud regulatory and criminal charges. Norm has written many of the leading books in his field, including *Canadian Health and Safety Law*, *Canadian Emergency Management and Response Manual*, and *Workplace Health and Safety Crimes* (4th ed.). He was the first lawyer in Canada to achieve the Canadian Registered Safety Professional (“CRSP”) accreditation. He is a frequent

conference speaker, edits the firm's quarterly OHS newsletter, "Do Diligence" and is the longest serving Judge in the prestigious Canada's Safest Employers annual event.

Norm's LEHR practice includes advising on executive employment contracts, restrictive covenants, LEHR policy and procedure development and enforcement, employee discipline, workers compensation claim management, ESA enforcement, and LEHR risk management. He represents as employers in wrongful dismissal, workplace fraud recovery, whistle-blower, human rights, labour arbitrations, workplace safety, WSIB appeals and fiduciary duty litigation.

Norm advises and represents organizations and executives in government investigations, white collar and business crime defence. He was appellate counsel on *R. v Karigar*, the first trial of an individual prosecuted under the *CFPOA*. He is on the White Collar Crime Committee of the ABA and a regular speaker at the ABA's annual White Collar Crime Institute. He is a member of the IBA's White Collar and Business Crimes Committee and an IBA Section Website Officer for the Business Crimes committee. He is a member of the CBA's Anti-Corruption Committee and participated in the submissions to the PPSC regarding Canada's new DPA regime know as Remediation Agreements. Norm has authored *Corporate Crime, Accountability and Social Responsibility in Canada* (2nd ed.), *Insider Trading in Canada* (2nd ed.) and *Canadian Anti-Corruption Law and Compliance* (2nd ed.) and published numerous related articles and peer review journal articles.

Norm has extensive experience in advising and representing organizations in matters involving alcohol & drugs in the workplace, harassment, sexual harassment, and violence in the workplace. He has written a leading texts in these areas: *Human Resources Guide to Preventing Workplace Violence* (2nd ed.) and *Alcohol & Drugs in the Canadian Workplace* (2nd ed.).

Norm has completed 5 Ironman distance triathlons, run the New York, Chicago, Toronto and Hamilton marathons and rides in the annual Ride to Conquer Cancer for cancer research at Princess Margaret Hospital. He is has served on numerous charitable boards and most recently was on the board of the Institute of Corporate directors – GTA West.