



2026 CANADIAN LABOUR ARBITRATORS CONFERENCE CANMORE, ALBERTA September 22 - 24, 2026

PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

7 pm – Opening Night Reception

- Welcome Reception in the Highland Games Lounge at the beautiful Malcolm Hotel ([The Malcolm Hotel | A Canmore Luxury Hotel](#))

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Morning sessions – Breakfast Served

Edinburgh Castle Room

- Opening remarks from Mark Asbell, Conference Chair
- Review of recent arbitral jurisprudence from across Canada
Panel includes: Mark Asbell (Alta, Moderator), Koml Kandola (B.C.), Jim Casey (Alta), Colin Johnston (Ont), Marc Mancini (Que), Sheilagh Murphy (Nfld), Ginette Brazeau (Ont/Que)
- Amateur and Professional Sports Adjudication in Canada and Abroad. Panel: Steve Raymond (Ont, Moderator), Sarah Atkinson (Ont), Jim Oakley (Nfld), Allen Ponak (Alta/Ont), John Stout (Ont).

Evening

- Welcome remarks from Walt De Treux, President of the National Academy of Arbitrators
- Fire Side Chat with renowned Canadian arbitrator and mediator Andrew C.L. Sims, K.C. in conversation with Dean Emeritus Daphne Taras. Andy is a former Chair of the Alberta Labour Relations Board and Public Service Employee Relations Board and part-time Vice-Chair of the Canada Industrial Relations Board. He chaired the 1996 Task Force to review the Canada Labour Code. In 2011 he received the Bora Laskin Award for his contribution to Canadian labour law and in 2019, he received the W.P. Kelly Award for Lifetime Achievement as a Labour Mediator.
- Dinner



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Thursday, September 24, 2026

Morning sessions – Breakfast Served

- Perspectives from the Bench: Justice Kristan McLeod. Former leading labour-side practitioner and now Justice Kristan McLeod discusses her observations about the labour arbitration systems, views on arbitration practice, the value of the med-arb process, and perhaps comparisons and challenges inherent in adjudication generally.
- Grievance Mediation: Perspectives, Practical Advice and Pitfalls to Avoid. Panel: Jim Casey (Alta, Moderator), Amanda Rogers (B.C.), Jules Bloch (Ont), Amal Garzouzi (Que)

Any questions can be directed to Mark Asbell, Canadian Conference Chair:

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