

Regulating in a Political World

The 2026 Regional Symposia series will bring together regulators and regulatory stakeholders to examine Regulating in a Political World. The Toronto program will explore how political pressures, public expectations, and shifting government priorities influence regulatory decisions. Sessions will highlight key issues including government-regulator dynamics, the rollout of As of Right mobility, Indigenous access and pathways, and other emerging regulatory pressures. The symposium will also examine the broader contexts in which regulators operate, including the unique challenges of the Canadian regulatory landscape. Discussions will address emerging pressures, changing public expectations, and the realities of regulating in a politically dynamic environment. Join fellow regulators and regulatory stakeholders for a day of critical discussions and practical insights into regulating in a political world.

Agenda

8:00 – 9:00	Registration & Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15	Program Welcome and Introductions
9:15 – 10:15	Opening Keynote: Regulating in a Political World: Arm’s Length from Government but Not from Accountability
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:30	Panel Discussion: Navigating Government–Regulator Relationships in a Politicized Environment
11:30 – 12:15	Regulation of Professional Speech: Practical Considerations for Regulators
12:15 – 1:15	Networking Lunch
1:15 – 2:15	Panel Discussion: Indigenous Access and Regulatory Responsibility: From Intent to Action
2:15 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:45	Fireside Chat: Labor Mobility: From Policy to Practice: Implementing Reform in Real Time
3:45 – 4:00	Program Reflection & Closing Remarks