



**CNAR 2022 WORKSHOP:  
RESPONDING TO THE HARASSMENT AND ABUSE OF REGULATORY  
STAFF  
OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, HALF DAY (P.M.)**

**W**hat You Will Learn: Regulators are increasingly facing harassment and abuse of their regulatory staff and, occasionally, Board and committee members. While this conduct usually comes from practitioners, it can also come from members of the public and others as well. Frivolous and abusive legal proceedings, inappropriate social media posts, attempts to provoke like-minded practitioners to similar action, and even attempts to lay criminal charges are all part of this emerging trend. Frustratingly, the legal system sometimes appears to be structured to condone these actions with anti-SLAPP protections, open court principles authorizing the disclosure of regulatory staff identities, and a general approach to regulatory staff as being “public servants” who “sign up” for criticism.

In this workshop, speakers from various regulators will discuss their experiences dealing with harassing or abusive practitioners. Participants will be encouraged to share stories and strategies for dealing with these attacks in guided small group discussion. SML lawyers will then discuss the options available to regulators in dealing with harassment and abuse, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each option. This workshop will feature speaker presentations, breakout discussions, poll questions and more.

**Who Should Attend?** In order to facilitate open discussion, this session is **only available to the staff and committee members of regulatory bodies**. We look forward to welcoming regulators for an engaging and thoughtful afternoon.