

Tribunal Watch Ontario and the Windsor Faculty of Law Webinar:

THE SOCIAL BENEFITS TRIBUNAL – ACCESS TO JUSTICE?

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

[Register here](#) A link for the event will be sent to those who register.

The Social Benefits Tribunal's [website](#) states that its core values are:

- Accessibility
- Fairness and independence
- Timeliness
- Transparency
- Professionalism and public service

Join Tribunal Watch Ontario and University of Windsor Faculty of Law in a panel discussion about whether the SBT is living up to its claims. The panel will examine current access to justice issues at the SBT, a tribunal where the vast majority of appellants are very poor persons with disabilities. You will hear from an advocate who brings the experience of appellants and counsel to the discussion, a former Chair of the SBT who knows how this system could or should be working, and a law professor who will discuss the important role of tribunals like the SBT in providing meaningful access to justice.

Speakers:

Moderator: Hon. George Thomson, C.M. – Advisory Council of Tribunal Watch Ontario; former positions include Family Court Judge, Deputy Attorney General for Ontario, and Chair of the Social Assistance Review Committee.

Sally Colquhoun, LSM – Recently retired Coordinator of Legal Services at Kinna-Aweya Legal Clinic in Thunder Bay.

Gary Yee, LSM –: Steering Committee of Tribunal Watch Ontario; former Chair of four tribunals, including Social Benefits Tribunal (2009-2012).

Prof. Noel Semple – Associate Professor at University of Windsor Faculty of Law.