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Practice Areas

Arbitration

Discrimination and Harassment

Employee Benefits

Wage and Hour

HR Advice and Counsel

Overview

George Vassos focuses his practice on advocacy before trial and appellate Courts, and before various labour boards, arbitrators, mediators, adjudicators, and other administrative tribunals, as well as strategic and proactive advice on a wide variety of labour and employment law issues. His work includes:

- Employment contracts
- Employment litigation
- Wrongful dismissal litigation
- Termination / reduction in force
- Group insured benefits
- Employment standards
- Human rights
- Administration of collective agreements
- Grievances
- Arbitrations
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Before joining Littler, George was a Senior Partner with Kuretzky Vassos Henderson, which was three times named one of Canada's Top Ten Labour and Employment Law Boutique Firms by *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*. Littler is proud to continue this honour, recently named by *Canadian Lawyer Magazine* as one of Canada's Top Ten Labour and Employment Law

Boutique Firms, 2016-2017.

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Member, Canadian Bar Association, 1977-present
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association, 1983-present
- Member, Human Resources Professionals Association (HRPA), 1977-present
- Member, Board of Directors, Macedonian Canadian Lawyers Association, 2012-present
- Member, Canadian Association of Counsel to Employers, 2018-present
- Member, American Bar Association, 2016-present
- Member, Board of Directors, Conference of Independent Schools of Ontario, 2004-2008
- Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Macedonian Place, 1994-2000
- President, Canadian Macedonian Place, 1999-2000

Events & Speaking Engagements

The Coronavirus: What Should Employers Be Doing Now

Toronto, ON

February 6, 2020

2019 Canada Conference

Toronto, ON

November 21, 2019

Employment Law Update 2019

Toronto, ON

May 28, 2019

Bills 47, 66 and 57: Everything You Need to Know About the Never Ending Changes to Ontario, Canada's Employment Standards Act, 2000 and Labour Relations Act, 1995 and the Indefinite Delay of its Pay Transparency Act

January 11, 2019

2018 Canada Conference

Toronto, ON

November 16, 2018

The Ever Evolving Landscape of Employment Law in Canada

Toronto, ON

September 21, 2018

Managing Group Insured Benefit Risks: Employment Law Considerations

May 15, 2018

Good-bye 2017, Hello 2018: The Canadian Legal Landscape is Changing

Toronto, ON
February 20, 2018

Ontario Employment and Labour Update - Bill 148: Compliance for Now, the New Year and Beyond

Toronto, ON
January 10, 2018

Ontario Employment and Labour Update - Bill 148: Compliance for Now, the New Year and Beyond

Toronto, ON
December 15, 2017

Second Annual Canada Conference

Toronto, ON
November 1, 2017

Employment Law Update 2017

Toronto, ON
September 18, 2017

Addressing Ontario Misclassification Issues Under Bill 148 and Preparing for Employment Standards Audits

July 26, 2017

Canada: Ontario Government's Proposed Legislation to "Create Fairer and Better Workplaces" Includes \$15 Minimum Wage and Equal Pay for Part-Time and Full-Time Workers

June 6, 2017

Managing Benefit Risk: Employment Law Considerations

Canadian Group Insurance Brokers, Vaughan, Ontario
May 3, 2017

Important Employment Decisions for 2016 Affecting the Workplace

Toronto, ON
February 28, 2017

Inaugural Canada Conference

Toronto, ON
November 21, 2016

Senior Practitioners' Panel

HRPA 2016 HR Law Conference, Toronto, ON
October 20, 2016

2016 Hot Topics for Ontario Employers

Toronto, ON

September 29, 2016

Navigating the New Gig Economy

Canadian Legal Update webinar

September 28, 2016

Removing or Changing Benefits: Assessing Risk From an Employment Law Perspective

The Williamson Group, Toronto, ON

June 23, 2016

The Rise of Dependent Contractors: Employer Beware!

Littler Webinar

May 25, 2016

Maintaining and Managing a Respect-Based Workplace and Preparing for Bill 132

Toronto, ON

April 12, 2016

Comparing U.S. and Canadian Taxation of Common Damages Paid in Employer-Employee Disputes

ABA Business Law Section Meeting, Montreal, QC

April 7, 2016

Employment Law for the Municipal Law Practitioner

The Commons Institute Webinar

February 25, 2016

You Asked, We'll Answer: Canadian HR/Employment Law Hot Topic FAQs

December 11, 2015

Update on Labour and Employment Law Considerations in Commercial Transactions

Law Society of Upper Canada

June 10, 2015

Bashin v. Hrynew 2014 SCC 71: The Duty of Honest Performance

Law Society of Upper Canada

June 5, 2015

Crisis Management Best Practices, Navigating Complex Cases

HRM Masterclass

April 17, 2015

Employment Law for the Municipal Law Practitioner

The Commons Institute Webinar

February 25, 2015

Assessing Risk with Respect to Removing or Changing Benefits

Empire Life Webinar

January 27, 2015

Disability Claims Management Course, Workplace Accommodations

Federated Press Conference

September 19, 2014

Just Cause Update

Law Society of Upper Canada

June 6, 2014

Employee Benefits Plans and the Evolving Legal Framework

Accurate Design Benefits & Insurance Agencies Inc.

February 10, 2014

Employee Benefits and the Evolving Legal Framework

Empire Life Webinar

November 6, 2013

Books & Book Chapters

Just Cause Dismissals in Canadian Employment Law: Recent Developments, *New Perspectives on Canadian Employment Law*, LexisNexis, Chapter 3, chapter co-author with Adrian Jakibchuk, 2014

Recognition

- Named, Leading Practitioners, Peer Recommendation in Employment Law, *Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory*, 1997-2021 (25 consecutive years)
- Named, The Best Lawyers in Canada©, Employment Law, , 2006-2025
- Winner, Thought Leadership Award *Mondaq*, Autumn 2023
- Named, Employment & Labour – Ontario *Chambers Canada*, 2019-2025
- Named, World's Leading Lawyers in Labour and Employment *Labour & Employment Expert Guide*, 2009-2016
- Named, Top 100 Employment Lawyers in Canada *Lawday*, 2009
- Named, Top Employment Law Practitioners Across Canada *Canadian H.R. Reporter*, 2008
- Named, Best Lawyers in Canada, Labour and Employment *Financial Post Business Magazine*, 2007-2008
- Named, Best Lawyers in Canada, Employment *National Post*, 2006

Education

M.I.R., University of Toronto, 1981
LL.B., Queen's University, 1980
B.Comm., Queen's University, 1976, *Honours*

Bar Admissions

Ontario, Canada

Courts

Ontario Court of Appeal
Ontario Divisional Court
Ontario Superior Court
Federal Court of Canada
Federal Court of Appeal

Publications & Press

Ontario, Canada: February 27, 2025 — Some Employees May Be Entitled to Paid Time Off to Vote

Littler ASAP

February 19, 2025

Ontario, Canada Court Reinforces Waksdale's Impact on Enforceability of Termination Provisions and Provides Guidance on Proving Failure to Mitigate

Littler ASAP

October 15, 2024

Three Littler Partners Recognized in the 2025 Edition of the Best Lawyers in Canada™

Press Release

August 29, 2024

British Columbia, Canada Appeal Court Rejects Employer's Frustration Defence in Circumstances Connected to COVID-19

Littler ASAP

March 19, 2024

Employers can count sick leave credits as paid medical leave days under CLC: arbitrator

In the News

March 6, 2024

Ontario, Canada Court Decides Wrongfully Dismissed Employee's Rejection of Offer of Comparable Employment Amounts to Failure to Mitigate

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March 5, 2024

British Columbia Statute on Minimum Employment Standards for App-based Gig Workers Receives Royal Assent, But Relevant Provisions Not Yet in Force

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January 4, 2024

20 Key Developments in Canadian Labour and Employment Law in 2023

Littler ASAP

January 2, 2024

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30): What Is it and Where in Canada Is it Observed as a Statutory Holiday?

Littler ASAP

December 13, 2023

Littler's Barry Kuretzky and George J.A. Vassos Named to The Best Lawyers in Canada™ 2024 Edition

Press Release

September 20, 2023

Canada: Employers in Federally Regulated Workplaces Will Soon Be Required to Provide Menstrual Products

Littler ASAP

August 2, 2023

Ontario, Canada Appeal Court Finds Independent Contractors Have Duty to Mitigate Damages When Fixed-Term Contract is Terminated Early

Littler ASAP

July 27, 2023

Ontario, Canada: Licensing Framework for Temporary Help Agencies and Recruiters in Force July 1, 2023

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July 6, 2023

Canada: Federal and Manitoba Leaves Lengthened and New Manitoba Leave Created

Littler ASAP

July 5, 2023

Alberta, Canada Court Recognizes New Tort of Harassment

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June 23, 2023

Ontario, Canada Publishes Regulations Aimed at Increasing Participation of Women in Construction Workforce

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April 3, 2023

Canadian Federal Government Increases Minimum Work Age and Minimum Wage for Federally Regulated Employees

Littler ASAP

March 28, 2023

Ontario, Canada: Paid Infectious Disease Emergency Leave (IDEL) Ends March 31 But Unpaid IDEL Remains Available

Littler ASAP

March 27, 2023

Ontario, Canada Introduces Bill 79, Working for Workers Act, 2023 for First Reading

Littler ASAP

March 23, 2023

British Columbia Adopts National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30) as a Statutory Holiday

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March 14, 2023

Alberta, Canada Court of Appeal Decides CERB Payments Should Not Be Deducted from Damages for Wrongful Dismissal

Littler ASAP

January 20, 2023

25 Key Developments in Canadian Labour and Employment Law in 2022

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January 3, 2023

Ontario, Canada Publishes Regulation on Naloxone Kit Requirement

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December 13, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Occupational Health and Safety Act Amendments Requiring Certain Employers to Have Naloxone Kits Proclaimed in Force

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December 12, 2022

Canada's Employment Insurance Sickness Benefits to be Extended From 15 to 26 Weeks and Federal Medical Leave from 15 to 27 Weeks

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December 5, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Appellate Court Set Aside Decisions that Quashed OLRB Determinations on “Related Employers” Declarations for Failure to Apply Proper Standard

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November 30, 2022

Alberta, Canada’s Human Rights Tribunal Awards \$50,000 to Employee Whose Employment Was Terminated After Claiming Sexual Harassment

Littler ASAP

November 28, 2022

Court sets aside judgement reducing employee’s reasonable notice period for failure to mitigate

External Publication

November 23, 2022

Canada Publishes Final Regulations and Guidelines to Support Implementation of New Paid Medical Leave for Employees in Federally Regulated Workplaces

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November 21, 2022

Ontario, Canada Court of Appeal Sets Aside Judgment Reducing Employee’s Reasonable Notice Period for Failure to Mitigate

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November 15, 2022

Ontario, Canada Divisional Court Finds Group Home’s Temporary Visitation Policy During Early Stage of COVID-19 Did Not Discriminate Against Disabled Resident

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November 10, 2022

Canada’s Proposed Modern Slavery Act Would Impose Significant Annual Reporting Obligations on Certain Private-Sector Entities

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October 28, 2022

Ontario, Canada Court Confirms Sexual Harassment Not an Independent Tort

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October 27, 2022

Ontario, Canada Court Determines Plaintiff Employee (Not Independent Contractor) Wrongfully Terminated by Common Employers

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September 28, 2022

Ontario, Canada Arbitrator Finds Three-Dose Mandatory Vaccination Requirement Reasonable in Long-Term Care Homes

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September 22, 2022

September 19th – Day of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s Funeral – Will be Holiday for Some Employees in Canada

Littler ASAP

September 14, 2022

Court finds employers' discretion in awarding bonuses must be exercised fairly

External Publication

September 12, 2022

Ontario, Canada Court of Appeal Finds Employers’ Discretion in Awarding Discretionary Bonuses Must be Exercised Fairly and Reasonably

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September 7, 2022

Fast-changing law means employers should review their employment contracts now

In the News

September 7, 2022

Littler’s Barry Kuretzky and George J.A. Vassos Recognized in 2023 Edition of Best Lawyers in Canada™

Press Release

August 25, 2022

Alberta Court of Appeal Finds Employee Must Express Lack of Consent to Employer’s Unilateral Reduction of Compensation Quickly to Claim Constructive Dismissal

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August 22, 2022

Alberta, Canada: Court Uses Oppression Remedy to Hold Corporate Directors Personally Liable for Wrongful Dismissal Damages

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August 17, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Availability of Deemed IDEL Ended on July 30, 2022 But Unpaid and Paid IDEL Still Available to Eligible Employees

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August 10, 2022

Ontario, Canada: HRTO Finds Employee Was Victim of Repeated Acts of Sex Discrimination in Poisoned Work Environment

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August 9, 2022

Canadian Federal Government Proposes Regulations to Support New Canada Labour Code Paid Medical Leave

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August 8, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Three Paid COVID Sick Days Extended Until March 31, 2023

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July 22, 2022

Ontario, Canada: ESA Guidance Now Contains Chapter on Electronic Monitoring Policies

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July 21, 2022

Ontario, Canada Appeal Court Affirms Finding that Midwives Were Underpaid Due to Gender Discrimination

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July 19, 2022

Alberta Court of Appeal Decides Employees Entitled to Common Law Reasonable Notice Because Termination Clause Ambiguous

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July 18, 2022

Court applies the rule in Waksdale, gives insight on calculating reasonable notice damages

External Publication

July 13, 2022

Arbitrator says employer can terminate employee who refused vaccine

External Publication

July 5, 2022

Arbitrator decides employer discriminated on basis of creed in denying request for vax exemption

External Publication

June 28, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Arbitrator Decides Employer Discriminated on Basis of Creed in Denying Request for Vaccine Policy Exemption

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June 27, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Requirements for Mandatory Policies, Training and Postings

Littler Report

June 21, 2022

Ontario, Canada Court Applies the Rule in Waksdale and Provides Insight on Calculating Reasonable Notice Damages

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June 21, 2022

Ontario, Canada Appeal Court Decides Employment Not Continuous for Purposes of Reasonable Notice Calculation for Employee Dismissed Then Rehired Following CCAA Proceedings

Littler ASAP

June 16, 2022

Alberta, Canada: Bill 17 Receives Royal Assent and Expands Reservist Leave and Bereavement Leave

Littler ASAP

June 9, 2022

Union member's tort claim must be decided by court – not arbitrator

In the News

June 8, 2022

Ontario, Canada: OCA Decides Union Member's Tort Claim Against Third Party Must be Decided by Court Rather than Arbitrator

Littler ASAP

June 1, 2022

Are employees entitled to paid time off to vote in the election?

In the News

May 26, 2022

Another arbitrator dismisses grievance disputing mandatory vaccination policy

External Publication

May 25, 2022

Court upholds determination that three taxi drivers are employees

External Publication

May 20, 2022

Canada: Another Arbitrator Dismisses Grievance Disputing Mandatory Vaccination Policy

Littler ASAP

May 19, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Appeal Court Declines to Resolve Whether Employees Laid Off During Pandemic May Claim Constructive Dismissal at Common Law

Littler ASAP

May 18, 2022

British Columbia, Canada Court of Appeal Upholds Determination That Three Taxi Drivers Are Employees

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May 13, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Some Employees May Be Entitled to Paid Time Off to Vote in June 2nd Provincial Election

Littler ASAP

May 12, 2022

Alberta, Canada Human Rights Tribunal Reminds Employees They Have Duties in the Workplace Accommodation Process

Littler ASAP

May 6, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Masking Requirement in Select Higher-Risk Settings and Certain Directives Extended to June 11

Littler ASAP

April 27, 2022

British Columbia, Canada: Arbitrator Upholds Electricity Provider's Vaccination Policy But Severs Discipline Aspect as Unreasonable

Littler ASAP

April 22, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Bill 88, Working for Workers Act, 2022 Receives Royal Assent

Littler ASAP

April 19, 2022

British Columbia, Canada: Bill 10, the Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 2022 Proposes Automatic Card-check Certification System

Littler ASAP

April 19, 2022

British Columbia, Canada: Arbitrator Decides Employer Could Terminate Employee Who Refused Government-Ordered Vaccination

Littler ASAP

April 13, 2022

Legal decisions on mandatory coronavirus vaccination policies favouring employers

In the News

April 12, 2022

Can CERB payment be deducted from wrongful dismissal damage award?

External Publication

April 12, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Mandatory Vaccination Policy Upheld Despite Government's Reduction of COVID-19 Restrictions

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April 8, 2022

Minimum Wage Rates to Increase in Ontario, Canada Commencing October 1, 2022

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April 6, 2022

Do mandatory vaccination policies infringe on Charter of Rights and Freedoms?

External Publication

April 6, 2022

Alberta, Canada Court Deducts CERB Payments from Substantial Reasonable Notice Award to Long-term Employee

Littler ASAP

April 6, 2022

Ontario, Canada Arbitrator Decides Mandatory Vaccination Policy Does Not Infringe Charter of Rights and Freedoms

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March 30, 2022

Working for Workers Act, 2022, introduced and carried at first reading

External Publication

March 18, 2022

Ontario, Canada Court of Appeal Upholds 26-Month Reasonable Notice Period Due to Exceptional Circumstances

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March 16, 2022

British Columbia, Canada Announces Steps to Lift COVID-19 Restrictions

Littler ASAP

March 11, 2022

Ontario, Canada Removing Masking Requirement on March 21 in Most Settings and Ending All COVID-19 Public Health Measures on April 27

Littler ASAP

March 10, 2022

Alberta, Canada: Arbitrator Decides COVID-19 Pandemic is Cataclysmic Event that Did Not Trigger Entitlement to Severance Under Layoff Provisions

Littler ASAP

March 9, 2022

Ontario, Canada Court Concludes Secondment Agreement Was Not a Fixed-term Employment Agreement

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March 8, 2022

Ontario, Canada: Working for Workers Act, 2022 Introduced and Carried at First Reading

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March 2, 2022

Ontario, Canada Moves to Roadmap Exit Step, as Amended

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March 1, 2022

Canadian Arbitrator Upholds Mandatory Vaccination Policy for Employees Who Work Indoors

Littler ASAP

February 17, 2022

Court confirms Working for Workers Act doesn't void non-compete agreements prior to October 25, 2021

External Publication

February 15, 2022

Ontario, Canada Court Confirms Working for Workers Act, 2021 Does Not Void Non-compete Agreements Entered into Prior to October 25, 2021

Littler ASAP

February 7, 2022

Update on key legislative developments

External Publication

February 7, 2022

Ontario, Canada Moves Back to Amended Step Three of its Roadmap to Reopen

Littler ASAP

January 31, 2022

Canada: Ontario Law Brings Licensing Requirement To Staffing Firms, A Noncompete Ban And Disconnect Policies

In the News

January 26, 2022

Phased Easing of Public Health Measures in Ontario, Canada to Begin January 31, 2022

Littler ASAP

January 21, 2022

12 key developments in Canadian labour and employment law in 2021 – part 2

External Publication

January 18, 2022

Employers in British Columbia, Canada are Required to Reactivate their COVID-19 Safety Plans

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January 14, 2022

Canada: Bill C-3 Will Provide Paid Medical Leave and Other Leaves for Federal Employees and Prohibit Intimidation in Health Care

Littler ASAP

January 12, 2022

Ontario, Canada Temporarily Reverts to Step Two of Roadmap to Reopen with Modifications

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January 4, 2022

24 Key Developments in Canadian Labour and Employment Law in 2021

Littler ASAP

December 16, 2021

What does the new Working for Workers Act mean for workers and employers?

In the News

December 13, 2021

Ontario, Canada: Bill 27, Working for Workers Act, 2021 Receives Royal Assent

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December 3, 2021

Arbitrator upholds mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy

External Publication

November 26, 2021

Ontario, Canada Arbitrator Deems Employer's Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy Unreasonable

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November 16, 2021

Ontario, Canada: Arbitrator Upholds Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Littler ASAP

November 12, 2021

Ontario, Canada Pauses Lifting of Capacity Limits in Remaining Higher-Risk Settings

Littler ASAP

November 11, 2021

Ontario, Canada Passes Law Entitling Workers to Wear a Poppy in the Workplace During Remembrance Week

Littler ASAP

November 10, 2021

Ontario, Canada Proposes Minimum Wage Rate Increases Effective January 1, 2022

Littler ASAP

November 10, 2021

Canada: Updated Guidance on How Employers Should Fill Out Records of Employment During COVID-19 Pandemic

Littler ASAP

October 22, 2021

Ontario, Canada Makes Available Enhanced Digital Vaccine Certificate with QR Code and Verify Ontario App

Littler ASAP

October 21, 2021

Ontario, Canada Removes Capacity Limits and Physical Distancing in Certain Settings

Littler ASAP

October 13, 2021

Ontario, Canada Adds Outdoor Areas of Select Business Premises to List of Those Requiring Patrons' Proof of Vaccination and Eases Capacity Limits

Littler ASAP

September 28, 2021

Ontario issues guidance on proof of vaccination status for organizations

External Publication

September 24, 2021

Ontario, Canada's Ministry of Health Releases Guidelines on COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemptions

Littler ASAP

September 24, 2021

British Columbia Updates Rules for Investigations, Working Children

In the News

September 21, 2021

Ontario, Canada Issues Guidance on Proof of Vaccination Status for Patrons of Restaurants and Other Select Businesses and Organizations

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September 20, 2021

Proof of Vaccination Will Soon Be Required to Gain Access to Certain Public Settings in Ontario, Canada

Littler ASAP

September 9, 2021

COVID-19 vaccination policies mandated in high-risk settings

External Publication

September 3, 2021

Littler Attorneys Named to 2022 Best Lawyers™ Lists in Canada and Puerto Rico

Press Release

August 26, 2021

Canada: Toronto Medical Officer of Health Effectively Mandates that Employers Institute COVID-19 Vaccination Policies

Littler ASAP

August 24, 2021

Ontario, Canada: COVID-19 Vaccination Policies Mandated in High-Risk Settings

Littler ASAP

August 19, 2021

Canada: City of Toronto Announces Mandatory Vaccination Requirement for Members of Toronto Public Service, Urges Private Employers to Follow Suit

Littler ASAP

August 19, 2021

British Columbia, Canada Announces Vaccination Requirement for Workers in Long-term Care and Assisted Living Facilities

Littler ASAP

August 19, 2021

Ontario, Canada Court Awards Employee \$25,000 in Moral/Aggravated Damages Because Employer Breached Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

Littler ASAP

July 21, 2021

Hearing upholds compulsory COVID testing policy

External Publication

July 21, 2021

Ontario, Canada Arbitrator Upholds Employer's Compulsory Rapid COVID-19 Testing Policy

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July 14, 2021

Ontario, Canada Court of Appeal Clarifies Relationship Between Common Employer Doctrine and Concept of Corporate Separateness

Littler ASAP

July 8, 2021

Laid Off Over COVID? You Can't Claim Constructive Dismissal

External Publication

June 25, 2021

Ontario, Canada Court of Appeal Upholds Jury's \$150,000 Punitive Damage Award Against Employer

Littler ASAP

June 21, 2021

Canada Introduces New Federal Holiday Commencing September 30, 2021: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Littler ASAP

June 16, 2021

Ontario, Canada Court Decides Employees Laid Off During COVID-19 May Not Claim Constructive Dismissal at Common Law

Littler ASAP

June 16, 2021

Temporary COVID-19-Related Leave Bill Receives Royal Assent

External Publication

June 9, 2021

Ontario, Canada Releases Details About Employer Reimbursement Process for Paid COVID-19 Leave

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June 4, 2021

British Columbia, Canada Releases and Commences Four-Step Restart Plan

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June 4, 2021

Alberta, Canada Releases and Commences Three-Stage Open for Summer Plan

Littler ASAP

June 4, 2021

British Columbia, Canada Bill Introducing Temporary COVID-19-Related Paid Leave and Permanent Paid Personal Illness or Injury Leave Receives Royal Assent

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May 21, 2021

Ontario, Canada Releases Three-Step Roadmap to Reopen

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May 21, 2021

Ontario employee's refusal to leave work, stay home not just cause

External Publication

May 4, 2021

Ontario, Canada Announces it Will Introduce Paid COVID-19 Leave

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April 29, 2021

Ontario, Canada Imposes Additional COVID-19 Restrictions

Littler ASAP

April 20, 2021

Ontario, Canada: Peel Public Health Announces Expedited Business Closures

Littler ASAP

April 20, 2021

Ontario, Canada Court Decides Exceptional Circumstances Exist to Justify Notice Period Exceeding 24 Months for a Long-term Employee

Littler ASAP

April 14, 2021

Ontario, Canada Declares Third Provincial Emergency and Enacts Stay-at-Home Order

Littler ASAP

April 8, 2021

Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, Canada Provides Employers with Roadmap for Responding to Requests for Exemptions from Mask-Wearing Policies

Littler ASAP

April 8, 2021

Rising COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations Lead to Ontario, Canada Shutdown

Littler ASAP

April 6, 2021

Ontario, Canada Superior Court Determines Employee Misconduct Did Not Justify Dismissal for Cause Without Notice

Littler ASAP

March 31, 2021

Workers alleging wrongful dismissal may subject directors to statutory claims for unpaid wages: case

In the News

March 30, 2021

It is Now Easier for Organizations in Ontario, Canada to Offer Private Rapid COVID-19 Testing of Asymptomatic Employees

Littler ASAP

March 25, 2021

Should Employers in Ontario, Canada Provide Employees with Paid Time Off to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine?

Littler ASAP

March 17, 2021

Mandatory coronavirus testing for unionized employees allowed: arbitrator

In the News

March 17, 2021

Ontario, Canada Court of Appeal Confirms Corporate Directors May Face Statutory Claims for Unpaid Wages in Wrongful Dismissal Claims

Littler ASAP

March 16, 2021

Court denies employer's request to remove allegedly defamatory social media posts pending defamation

External Publication

March 9, 2021

14 Key Developments in 2020

External Publication

March 9, 2021

Ontario, Canada Court Denies Employer's Request to Remove Allegedly Defamatory Social Media Posts Pending Defamation Trial

Littler ASAP

March 1, 2021

Ontario, Canada: Superior Court Considers Impact of COVID-19 on Employee's Reasonable Notice Entitlement

Littler ASAP

February 24, 2021

Termination provision done in by 'what if?'

External Publication

February 12, 2021

Ontario, Canada Moves to Regional Approach for Stay-at-Home Orders

Littler ASAP

February 10, 2021

Ontario, Canada: New and Updated Guidance for Businesses Required to Have a Written COVID-19 Safety Plan

Littler ASAP

February 9, 2021

Ontario, Canada: Court of Appeal Upholds \$1.27 Million Damage Award for Constructive Dismissal

Littler ASAP

February 8, 2021

Supreme Court of Canada Expands Duty of Honest Performance in Contract

Littler ASAP

February 4, 2021

Ontario, Canada Declares Provincial Emergency and Imposes Stay-at-Home Order

Littler ASAP

January 13, 2021

Canada: Toronto Employers Required to Take Additional Measures to Minimize Spread of COVID-19 in Workplaces

Littler ASAP

January 8, 2021

14 Key Developments in Canadian Labour & Employment Law in 2020

Littler ASAP

January 7, 2021

Ontario, Canada: Arbitrator Upholds Mandatory Employee COVID Testing

Littler ASAP

January 7, 2021

Canadian Federal Government Provides Practical Guidance on Bill C-65 and Workplace Harassment and Violence Regulations

Littler ASAP

January 4, 2021

Canada's Supreme Court Entitles Dismissed Employees to Bonuses

In the News

December 9, 2020

Ontario, Canada Court Finds Performance Concerns “Irrelevant” in Context of No-Cause Dismissal

Littler ASAP

December 7, 2020

New Brunswick, Canada: Appellate Court Finds in Favor of Employee in Wrongful Dismissal Action

Littler ASAP

December 1, 2020

Ontario, Canada: “Inspection Blitzes” Launched to Ensure Businesses Take Steps Necessary to Stop Transmission of COVID-19

Littler ASAP

November 30, 2020

Ontario, Canada: Toronto and Peel Moved into Lockdown

Littler ASAP

November 23, 2020

Saskatchewan, Canada: Court Considers Effect of Re-hired Employee's Voluntary Interruption in Employment on Calculation of Reasonable Notice

Littler ASAP

November 17, 2020

Canada: COVID-19 Screening Is Mandatory in Ontario Workplaces

In the News

November 10, 2020

Ontario, Canada: Court Reminds Employers Termination Provisions that Could Possibly Violate ESA in the Future Are Unenforceable

Littler ASAP

November 6, 2020

Supreme Court decision aggravates termination clause problems for employers

In the News

November 2, 2020

Ontario, Canada Court Confirms Employers that Revoke Accepted Employment Offers May be Liable for Damages

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