Today's Critical Issues in Employment Law

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This session will provide an overview of developments in three major areas that impact your business.

- **Family Ties that Bind:** Discuss the employer’s duty to accommodate based on the needs of employees’ family members, where the line is drawn and practical lessons for employers arising from recent cases.
- **Foreign Workers:** What do the recently announced changes to foreign workers rules and programs mean for your workplace and foreign worker program?
- **Ounce of Prevention:** Review the top proactive tools and techniques that every employer should be aware of for minimizing costly legal disputes including Effective Hire letters and Discipline and Performance management.

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**Your Need to Know: Bulletproof Investigations**

**David Ray, Principal, Corporate Security Consulting Inc.**

Recent court, arbitration and tribunal awards are changing the landscape of how we conduct internal investigations. Explore these recent changes and the effect that they are having on how companies resource investigative capabilities. Review the 10 qualities of good investigations and the steps to ensure that organizations reach those requirements. Learn an approach to ensure that a proper plan is in place when the need to investigate arrives.

Obtain the tools to ensure that all investigations into discrimination, harassment, theft, fraud, statutory violations or other just cause issues are completed in a manner that will provide an outcome and report that will be accepted by courts, arbitration boards and tribunals.

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**Lessons Learned about Leadership and Management:**

**A Mayor’s Perspective**

**Mayor Nolan Crouse, City of St. Albert**

At times, long term visionary leadership and obtaining short term results are in conflict.

After 30 years as a Hockey Coach including the Alberta Junior Hockey League, 7 years as Mayor of the City of St. Albert and 35 years in the Forest Products Industry, Mayor Nolan Crouse realizes that leadership and management have some similarities but vast differences. His management style is a blend of leadership toward the long term and management of the short term.

Gain valuable insights on what skills are required and obtain tips to help you become better at balancing long term visionary leadership while still obtaining short term results.

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**Don’t Worry, Be Happy – How to Reach Maximum Engagement**

**Craig Dowden, Ph.D., President, Craig Dowden and Associates**

Stress and burnout in the workplace are estimated to cost organizations hundreds of millions of dollars each year. Depression is projected to be the number 2 cause of disability-adjusted life years by the World Health Organization by 2020. With so much focus on the bottom line, does happiness matter?

Scientific research says “YES!” Discuss the latest findings from the leadership and organizational sciences regarding the many advantages of happiness for our careers, our performance, our health and our bottom line. Happiness is not just “nice to have” – it is a core component of motivating peak performance. Obtain evidence-based strategies and practical steps that individuals, teams and organizations can use to create a productive, healthy and vibrant workplace.
Early Bird Registrations:

Payment and registration received by February 20, 2015

Members of APRC/CMPA/CAAS/CPTA & Students: $119 plus GST per person ($124.95)

Non-Members/Guests: $139 plus GST per person ($145.95)

Cost for the full day includes breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks, all four sessions and handout materials.

Early bird registrants qualify to win management training programs worth $1000!

Regular Registrations:

Payment and registration received after February 20, 2015

Members of APRC/CMPA/CAAS/CPTA & Students: $179 plus GST per person ($187.95)

Non-Members/Guests: $199 plus GST per person ($208.95)

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