Work is one of the most fundamental aspects in a person’s life, providing the individual with a means of financial support and, as importantly, a contributory role in society. A person’s employment is an essential component of his or her sense of identity, self worth and emotional well being. Accordingly, the conditions in which a person works are highly significant in shaping the whole compendium of psychological, emotional and physical elements of a person’s dignity and self respect.

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Western Law and Koskie Minsky LLP are proud to have Dr. David Weil, the incoming Dean of the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University in Boston, deliver the Ninth Koskie Minsky University Lecture in Labour Law

Co-Chaired by Craig Flood, Managing Partner, Koskie Minsky LLP and Professor Michael Lynk, Western Law

Friday, November 3, 2017, 5:30 pm
Room 38, Faculty of Law, Josephine Spencer Niblett Building, Western University
(at the corner of Western Road and Lambton Dr.)

Reception and Dinner to follow
The lecture and reception are open to the public and free of charge. Registration is not required.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

David Weil became the Dean and Professor of the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University in August 2017. Prior to that, he was the Peter and Deborah Wexler Professor of Management at Boston University's Questrom School of Business. He was appointed by President Barack Obama to be the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor and was the first Senate-confirmed head of that agency in a decade. He led the Wage and Hour Division from 2014 to January 2017.

Weil is an internationally recognized expert in employment and labor market policy; regulation; transparency policy and digital empowerment; and the impacts of supply-chain and industry restructuring on employment and work outcomes and business performance.

Dr. Weil has written five books, most recently The Fissured Workplace: How Work Became So Bad for So Many and What Can Be Done to Improve It? (Harvard University Press). Dr. Weil received his BS at Cornell University and Master and Ph.D. degrees in Public Policy at Harvard University.
A good job is our single most effective social program. Stable and predictable full-time work and workplace protections, with fair wages and benefits, provide the best basis for reducing poverty and increasing social prosperity.

But, for many workers, good jobs are disappearing. Work has become more precarious and unstable, with a steady rise in part-time, casual and temporary jobs. This effects large number of employees, primarily at the lower and middle tiers of the labour market. And, increasingly, it is women, racialized persons, Aboriginals and immigrants who work in these vulnerable jobs.

What can be done to ensure more workplace fairness? This Lecture and Conference will explore the socio-economic phenomena of precarious work, and debate how the law might meaningfully repair our fissured workplaces. Leading industrial relations and legal scholars, lawyers and labour leaders will address the urgent questions of legislative reforms, collective bargaining goals and fundamental rights. This event will be one of the most important dates on the national labour law and industrial relations calendar.
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