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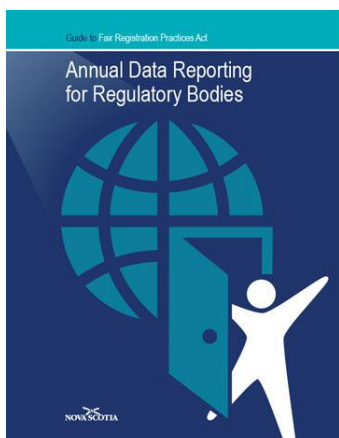
A FRPA Review Schedule is under development for 2014 – the Review Officer will work with those regulatory bodies involved to finalize the schedule by the end of January. The database upgrade will be finalized early February (aiming for February 3rd). Once finalized, the Review Officer will provide all regulatory bodies with a username and password so that the annual data collected for 2013 can be entered. The database will also be used for the FRPA reviews.

2013 Annual Data

Currently on schedule for reporting by **February 15, 2014**. E-mail updates will be sent out by the Review Officer.

Guides and Resources

The **Annual Data Reporting Guide** and the **FRPA Review Process** are complete and have been sent out. Click the images below for electronic versions.



Next Breakfast Meeting

Back by popular demand!

On **Wednesday February 5th**, Ray Larkin, Q.C. will be presenting his session from the FRPA Workshop held in November. The presentation will focus on the Act, and in particular, writing decisions and internal reviews. This is a great introduction to FRPA for many regulatory bodies and a useful refresher for those of us who are very familiar with the Act.

Raymond Larkin Q.C. is a founding partner of the Halifax law firm Pink Larkin. He represents clients before a variety of administrative tribunals throughout Atlantic Canada and in judicial review of administrative action in the Courts of the region and the Federal Court of Canada and the Supreme Court of Canada. His practice now consists principally of labour law and professional regulation.

Ray is a leader in the legal profession having served as President of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society from 2002 to 2003, and having participating on numerous committees of the Society.

He provides legal advice to professional regulatory agencies and serves on professional discipline adjudicative bodies.

He is a long time member of the Canadian Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2009 in recognition of his achievements in advocacy on behalf of clients.

The meeting is from 8am-10am at the Best Western Chocolate Lake location (20 St. Margaret's Bay Road). Hot breakfast will be provided.

Please RSVP to reviewofficer@gov.ns.ca

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Upcoming Events

Scheduled 2014 Breakfast Meetings

Wednesday February 5th
Wednesday April 2nd
Wednesday June 4th

FRPA Reviews

None currently underway

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Policy on removing the "Canadian Experience" – Ontario's approach

When a regulatory body requires "Canadian experience" before someone can get accredited, they may create barriers for newcomers to Canada. In Ontario, the Human Rights Commission has developed a policy that addresses the "Canadian experience" barrier. In Ontario, employers and regulatory bodies have to show that a requirement for Canadian experience is a 'bona fide' or necessary requirement. For more information on this policy visit <http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/policy-removing-canadian-experience-barrier>