

## **Michael Gottheil Nominated To Lead Environment And Land Use Planning Cluster**

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Michael Gottheil has been nominated, subject to review by the Standing Committee on Government Agencies, to lead the Environment and Land Use Planning Cluster. This cluster includes the Assessment Review Board, the Board of Negotiation, the Environmental Review Tribunal and the Ontario Municipal Board.

Mr. Gottheil has been chair of the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario since April 2005, where he played a key leadership role in the transformation of the province's human rights system. He is a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School, and was called to the Bar in 1987. Mr. Gottheil co-founded the Engelmann, Gottheil law firm in Ottawa, where he practiced labour, employment and human rights law, and was a professor at Algonquin College and the University of Ottawa Law School. He is a member of the Canadian Association of Visually Impaired Lawyers and has served on the board of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind as the vice-chair and chair at the Ottawa local and provincial levels.

Mr. David A. Wright has been nominated as the interim chair of the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario.

Mr. Wright is currently a vice-chair of the Human Rights Tribunal. He completed his Bachelor of Law degree and Bachelor of Civil Law degree at McGill University in 1998, and his Master of Laws degree at New York University in 2000. Mr. Wright practiced labour, administrative and human rights law at a Toronto law firm, and served as adjunct professor with Osgoode Hall Law School, where he taught administrative law. Mr. Wright is past chair of the Constitutional, Civil Liberties and Human Rights Sector of the Ontario Bar Association.

Kaye Joachim will continue in her current role as alternate chair and transition lead at the Human Rights Tribunal, to ensure that the important work on the transitional applications continues without interruption.