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April 19, 2013

Top Ontario public service in-house counsel earns \$446,513

More than 500 in-house counsel made the province of Ontario's "sunshine list" of public sector employees who earned more than \$100,000 in 2012.

Lawyers working for the Ontario Securities Commission, children's aid societies across the province, universities, the attorney general's office, public utilities, and municipalities dominated the list.

[http://www.canadianlawyermag.com/4607/top-ontario-public-service-in-house-counsel-earns-\\$446513.html](http://www.canadianlawyermag.com/4607/top-ontario-public-service-in-house-counsel-earns-$446513.html)

Another Senator Lambasts Tories' Wasteful, Partisan Attacks on Unions

The Conservative's latest attack on its nemesis, the labour movement, has awoken the Senate, which is playing its role of providing 'sober second thought' with gusto in opposition to Bill C-377.

That's the Bill that would bury "labour organizations" in a pile of administrative red-tape in order to produce reams of useless information about how they spend their time and money, at huge expense to taxpayers who will have to fund the collection, monitoring, and reporting of the colossal pile of information required by the Bill.

<http://lawofwork.ca/?p=6520>

Right-To-Work Laws: Canada Would See Income Inequality Rise Under Weakened Unions, Study Says

The passage of right-to-work legislation in this country would pose "the biggest blow" yet to Canadian unions after a years-long erosion of labour laws and would result in rising income inequality, a prominent labour rights group argues in a new paper.

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2013/03/27/right-to-work-laws-canada-income-inequality_n_2961948.html

[Unions Matter \(Full report\)](#)

PSAC releases frightening anti-Harper attack ad

After all the hoopla this week surrounding the Conservatives' Justin Trudeau attack ads, the Public Service Alliance of Canada has joined the fray with a video of their own.

While the Conservatives opted for levity, however, the 180,000-member union went straight for the throat.

<http://www.ipolitics.ca/2013/04/19/psac-releases-frightening-anti-harper-attack-ad/>

Video 1 "Food inspection": <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZj116Yxxkl>

Vidéo 2 "Aviation safety": <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFfZwRyEVk>

Video 3 "Environmental protection":

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Stl8jkCNMhY&feature=player_detailpage

Web Site

<http://NOtotheCUTS.ca>

April 22, 2013

Canada needs a fair, effective criminal justice system, now

Harper chose crime as his centrepiece because it is so easy to scare members of the public about crime based on sensational media reports of the worst possible, but extremely rare, cases.

<http://www.hilltimes.com/opinion-piece/2013/04/22/canada-needs-a-fair-effective-criminal-justice-system-now/34424>

April 23, 2013

Conference to begin dialogue on justice system reform

Members of the legal community are gathering this week in Vancouver for a two-day conference on how to fix the broken legal system.

Sponsored by the Canadian Bar Association, the Envisioning Equal Justice Summit begins Thursday and is billed as a first step toward overdue reform.

The government and public are turning away from courts they deem unaffordable and far too slow, while the strain of self-represented litigants and underfunding have exacerbated the crisis.

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/Conference+begin+dialogue+justice+system+reform/8280743/story.html>

Unions preparing for right-to-work showdown

Organized Labour is gearing up for a fight with the federal Conservative government, and the provincial Tories.

Unions worry the governments are considering right-to-work legislation and changes to the Rand Formula

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/story/2013/04/22/wdr-labour-right-to-work-caw-fight.html>

Health Canada Whistleblowers Move their Fight to the Federal Court

The Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC) supports the application for judicial review to be heard this morning at the Federal Court and made under the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act (PSDPA) in the case of the now-notorious federal whistleblowers Drs. Shiv Chopra, Margaret Haydon and Gerard Lambert.

<http://fairwhistleblower.ca/content/health-canada-whistleblowers-move-their-fight-federal-court>

April 24, 2013

Lawyer attacker gets more time

A Prince George man was sentenced Tuesday to a further three years in prison for a September 2011 rampage that ended with him punching a Crown counsel outside the courthouse, leaving the victim with injuries from which he continues to suffer.

In March, Adrian Real Bergeron, 41, was found guilty of the rare charge of intimidation of a justice system participant for knocking Alex Schmeisser unconscious with what had been described as a "roundhouse" swing.

<http://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/article/20130424/PRINCEGEORGE0101/304249990/-1/princegeorge0101/lawyer-attacker-gets-more-time>

Canadian diplomats' picketing could spread around the world within a week

Canadian diplomats will trade their cables and briefing notes for signs and pickets as they step up pressure tactics in their contract dispute with the Harper government – a tactic that might soon be expanded to embassies around the world.

The two-hour “information pickets” – three mornings this week, starting on Wednesday, at the Foreign Affairs department’s Ottawa headquarters, just down the street from Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s official residence – is an attempt to force the federal government to go back to negotiations over their contract.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/canadian-diplomats-picketing-could-spread-around-the-world-within-a-week/article11516811/?cmpid=rss1>

April 25, 2013

Effort to suppress protocol “secrecy for secrecy’s sake,” court rules

The federal government’s attempts to suppress a legal protocol between the RCMP and the justice department amount to “secrecy for secrecy’s sake,” says the Federal Court of Appeal.

In a decision dated April 17, the court ruled that everything except the first three paragraphs of the 17-paragraph protocol should be disclosed to Ottawa resident Suzanne Boudreau, a former military prosecutor and justice department lawyer who first asked for it under access to information in 2006.

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/Effort+suppress+protocol+secrecy+secrecy+sake+court+rules/8290268/story.html>