

OTLA speaks in Newfoundland to support Accident Victims against insurance restrictions!

OTLA President-Elect Allen Wynperle along with John Karapita, OTLA's Director of Public Affairs, appeared before the Newfoundland insurance hearings on Wednesday, September 12th to assist plaintiff personal injury lawyers in NL in their efforts to fight the IBC and the insurance industry's efforts to impose further restrictions on pain and suffering damages for accident victims in that province. OTLA reached out to lawyers in St. John's after seeing IBC issue a letter to elected officials in NL about what they described as the need for reforms in the face of mounting premiums costs. From our perspective, the IBC message in Newfoundland was eerily reminiscent of the line that IBC had employed here in Ontario to prod our MPPs to enact harsh reductions in coverage here. The lawyers in St. John's encouraged OTLA to relay our story about the Ontario experience to the Board and helped to facilitate our appearance this past Wednesday.

OTLA was there to provide a cautionary tale to the Board about our experiences here in Ontario in dealing with the industry. Over the years, and in particular after the imposition of the MIG in 2010, the industry saw its fortunes shift dramatically with a massive swing towards unprecedented profitability. At the same time, the industry was, as we saw this past week in Atlantic Canada, calling for the government to commit to "real" cost reforms even as premium continued to rise in Ontario.

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