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This release includes new cases and commentary in Chapter 7 (Discipline) and Chapter 8 (Compensation).

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Highlights

- In Extendicare Canada Inc. (2023), 352 L.A.C. (4th) 322 (Asbell), the issue before the arbitrator was whether the hearing should proceed in person or by way of a virtual hearing. The parties did not agree on how to proceed. The arbitrator concluded that where the balance between an in person hearing and a virtual hearing does not tip in either side's favour, the grievor's preference should govern.
- In Vancouver Terminal Elevators' Assn. (2023), 352 L.A.C. (4th) 70 (Sims), the arbitrator concluded that the National Day of Mourning following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II was not a holiday under collective agreement. Conversely, in PRT Growing Services Ltd. (2023), 352 L.A.C. (4th) 53 (Saunders), the arbitrator concluded that the same day was a holiday under that collective agreement. Finally, employing similar interpretative principles, in Assn. of Law Officers of the Crown (2023), 352 L.A.C. (4th) 388 (Albertyn), the arbitrator concluded that under that collective agreement the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation constituted a holiday.