

Trustees at Work: Financial Pressures, Emotional Labour, and Canadian Bankruptcy Law

In 2018, over 55,000 Canadians filed for bankruptcy. For many Canadians, bankruptcy proceedings given them a financial fresh start, free from past debts, but not all bankrupts are so fortunate. Debt relief is reserved for those debtors deemed to be deserving. Anna Lund will be speaking about her new book, *Trustees at Work*, which explores the role bankruptcy trustees play in determining who qualifies as a deserving debtor under Canadian personal bankruptcy law. Bankruptcy legislation and case law invites trustees to assess debtors based on their pre-bankruptcy choices, but in practice, trustees evaluate debtors based on how cooperative the debtors are during bankruptcy proceedings. Dr. Lund's book uses interviews and statistical data to explain how the financial and emotional pressures of trustees' work shape their decision-making process.



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Anna Lund is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta. She researches and teaches in the areas of bankruptcy and insolvency, debtor creditor law, civil procedure, access to justice, and gambling. Dr. Lund's current research interests include medical bankruptcy, housing law, and the environmental obligations of insolvent corporations. Her book *Trustees at Work: Financial Pressures, Emotional Labour, and Canadian Bankruptcy Law* was published in December 2019 by the University of British Columbia Press. Dr. Lund continues to practice on a *pro bono* basis through the Edmonton Community Legal Centre and the Court of Queen's Bench Amicus Program.

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