

The Role of Interveners in Public Interest Litigation

Friday, November 6, 2009
Bennett Lecture Hall, Faculty of Law
University of Toronto

9:00 Welcome and Introduction

9:15 Canadian Intervener Case Studies

R. Douglas Elliott, Roy Elliott O'Connor LLP

Frank Addario, Sack Goldblatt Mitchell LLP

Nathalie Des Rosiers, Canadian Civil Liberties Association

Moderator: **Cheryl Milne**, David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights

10:15 – BREAK

10:30 Judges' Panel

The Hon. Justice Dennis O'Connor, Ontario Court of Appeal

The Hon. Frank Iacobucci, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

The Hon. Justice Stephen Goudge, Ontario Court of Appeal

Moderator: **Professor Kent Roach**, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

11:30 Research Presentation

Analysis of the Impact of Interveners at the Supreme Court of Canada

Professor Ben Alarie & Professor Andrew Green, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Discussant: **Joseph Arvay, Q.C.**, Arvay Finlay Barristers (by video conference)

12:15 LUNCH

1:15 International and Transnational Experiences

Clive Baldwin, Human Rights Watch

Paul M. Collins, Jr., University of North Texas

Michael Fordham, Q.C., Blackstone Chambers, U.K.

Moderator: **Professor Sujit Choudhry**, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

2:15 BREAK

2:30 Strategies for Marginalized Groups

Kim Murray – Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto

Professor Carissima Mathen, Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick

Ivana Petricone, ARCH Advocacy Centre for Persons with Disabilities

Moderator: **Mary Eberts**, Eberts Law

3:30 Government Interveners

Graeme Mitchell, Office of the Attorney General, Saskatchewan

Roslyn Levine, Q.C., Ontario Superior Court of Justice

Michal Fairburn, Office of the Attorney General, Ontario

Moderator: **Professor Lorraine Weinrib**, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

4:45 PLEASE JOIN US FOR A WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

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