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# How Do We Know What We Think We Know: Facts in the Legal System

he recent evolution in the law of evidence is a vital topic for those interested in our legal system, whether a decisionmaker, advocate, litigator, academic, teacher, student and or law-maker. In the past 25 years, the Supreme Court of Canada has ushered in a set of revolutionary changes to the rules of evidence in several areas, including witness competence, privilege, hearsay and similar act evidence. It has developed a "principled approach" designed to return evidence law to fundamental first principles while conforming to the normative commitments of the Charter. The conference will address how facts are established through rules of evidence in criminal cases and how evidence law impacts the legal system in family law mediation, administrative hearings, civil cases, public inquiries and commissions through innovative, comparative and theoretical perspectives.

Conference Co-Chairs

The Honourable Chief Justice Annemarie Bonkalo, Ontario Court of Justice, Toronto, ON

Ronalda Murphy, Counsel, Crown Law Office - Civil Law, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario), Toronto, ON, and Professor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

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### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

OPENING RECEPTION at the KING EDWARD HOTEL

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

REGISTRATION

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM

WELCOME REMARKS

Beth Symes, LSM, CM, CIAJ President, Symes Street & Millard LLP, Toronto, ON

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

**CONFERENCE OVERVIEW** 

Ronalda Murphy, Counsel, Counsel, Crown Law Office - Civil Law, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario), Toronto, ON, and Professor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

**KEYNOTE SPEECH** STRUCK BY LIGHTNING: THE CURIOUS WORLD OF PROBABILITIES

Introduction

Paul Schabas, Partner, Blakes, Toronto, ON

Keynote Speaker Jeffrey Rosenthal, Professor, Department of Statistics, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM

**BREAK** 

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **CANADA'S EVIDENCE REVOLUTION**

Chair

The Honourable Lynn Smith, Smith, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia, formerly at the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

Panel

Professor Benjamin Berger, Osgoode Hall Law

School, York University, Toronto, ON

The Honourable Ian Binnie, Counsel, Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP, formerly at the Supreme Court of Canada, Toronto, ON

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

LUNCH

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

#### ANNUAL CIAJ MEMBERS' MEETING

1:15 PM - 3:15 PM

**CRIMINAL MODEL** 

Introduction

The Honourable Judge Patrick Healy, Quebec

Court, Montreal, QC

Panel

The Honourable Judge Anne Derrick, Provincial Court of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS

Professor Lisa Dufraimont, Faculty of Law,

Queen's University, Kingston, ON

The Honourable Justice Renee Pomerance, Superior Court of Justice (Ontario), Windsor, ON

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

**BREAK** 

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

#### **CIVIL CASES**

Chair

Paul Schabas, Partner, Blakes, Toronto, ON

Panel

The Honourable Justice Marie St-Pierre. Quebec Court of Appeal, Montreal, QC

Linda Rothstein, Partner, Paliare Roland,

Barristers, Toronto, ON

The Honourable Lynn Smith, Smith, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia, formerly at the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

6:30 PM

RECEPTION at the KING FDWARD HOTFI 7:30 PM ANNUAL DINNER at the KING EDWARD HOTEL

Introduction Ronalda Murphy, Counsel, Crown Law Office -

Civil Law, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario), Toronto, ON, and Professor, Schulich School of

Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

EPISTEMOLOGY AND THE LAW OF EVIDENCE: PROBLEMS AND PROJECTS

Dinner Speaker Dr Susan Haack, Distinguished Professor in

the Humanities, Cooper Senior Scholar in Arts and Sciences and Professor of Law and of Philosophy, Faculty of Law, University of Miami, Coral Gables,

FL (UŚA)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

CDG Fellowship

Introduction The Honourable Chief Justice

Annemarie Bonkalo, Ontario Court of Justice,

Toronto, ON

Presentation Professor France Houle, Faculty of Law,

University of Montreal, 2012 Charles D. GonthierFellowship Recipient, Montreal, QC

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

**ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS** 

Chair Dean Lorne Sossin, Osgoode Hall Law School,

York University, Toronto, ON

Panel Professor Geneviève Cartier, Faculty of Law,

University of Sherbrooke, and Research Director for the Charbonneau Commission, Sherbrooke, QC

Professor Nicolas Lambert, Faculty of Law,

University of Moncton, Moncton, NB

**David Wright,** Associate Chair, Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (Social Justice Tribunals

Ontario), Toronto, ON

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM BREAK

10:45 AM - 12:00 AM

COMPARATIVE

Chair TBA

Panel The Honourable Justice Yves-Marie Morrissette,

Quebec Court of Appeal, Montreal, QC

**Professor Gary Edmond,** Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW

Australia

**Professor Emma Cunliffe,** Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

Aimée Craft, Public Interest Law Centre,

Winnipeg, MB

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

ETHICS/WITNESS CAPACITY/SELF-REPS

Chair The Honourable Justice Gladys Pardu, Superior

Court of Justice (Ontario), Toronto, ON

Panel The Honourable Justice Michael Code, Superior

Court of Justice (Ontario), Toronto, ON

Professor Elaine Craig, Schulich Law School,

Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

Professor David Tanovich, Faculty of Law,

University of Windsor, Windsor, ON

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

**CONSTITUTIONAL FACTS** 

BREAK

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Chair The Honourable Justice Georgina Jackson,

Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, CIAJ

Vice President, Regina, SK

Panel Joseph Arvay, Arvay Finlay Barristers, and Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, ON

Joseph Cheng, Counsel, Public Law Section, Ontario Regional Office, Justice Canada, Toronto,

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Ronalda Murphy, Counsel, Crown Law Office – Civil Law, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario), Toronto, ON, and Professor, Schulich School of

Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

Sheila Tucker, Associate Counsel, Davis LLP,

Vancouver, BC

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

WILL THERE BE FACTS IN 2025?

Introduction Beth Symes, LSM, CM, Symes Street & Millard

LLP, Toronto, ON

Panel The Honourable Judge Patrick Healy,

Quebec Court, Montreal, QC

Professor Alana Klein, Faculty of Law, McGill

University, Montreal, QC

Paul Schabas, Partner, Blakes, Toronto, ON

4:30 PM

**CLOSING REMARKS** 

Incoming CIAJ President

The Honourable Judge Patrick Healy,

Quebec Court, Montreal, QC

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