

Unlocking Innocence: An International Conference on Avoiding Wrongful Conviction

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Organizing Committee Biographies

The Honourable Peter deCarteret Cory, C.C., C.D., Q.C. is a retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and Honorary Chair of the Conference. He received a B.A. from the University of Western Ontario (Assumption) in 1947, graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1950. He practiced law with the firm of Holden, Murdoch, was appointed Q.C. in 1963 and was elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1971.

Mr. Cory has been President of the Advocates' Society; Chairman of the Ontario Civil Liberties Section of the Canadian Bar Association, President of the County of York Law Association, and a Director of the Canadian Bar Association. In 1974 he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario High Court, followed by appointments to the Ontario Court of Appeal in 1981 and to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1989.

Since his retirement from the Court in 1999, Mr. Cory has been sought out for his legal and public policy expertise. In 2000, he was appointed by the Province of Manitoba as Commissioner to the inquiry into the wrongful conviction and imprisonment of Thomas Sophonow. In 2002, he was appointed Commissioner by the governments of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland to investigate six controversial murder cases involving alleged collusion by security forces in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republican Army. He has been appointed and continues as a member of the DNA Data Bank Advisory Committee and is presently conducting a study for the Province of Ontario pertaining to the best method of auditing the medical service accountants of the doctors of the province.

Bruce A. MacFarlane, Q.C. is Chair of the Conference Organizing Committee. He was recently appointed as Special Counsel to the Attorney General on Organized Crime and served as the Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Minister of Justice for the Province of Manitoba from 1993 to 2005. He is a member of the Manitoba (1974) and Alberta Bars (1987). He has appeared at trial and on appeal in four provinces and in the Supreme Court of Canada, and has published numerous scholarly writings on criminal law topics, including a leading text entitled *Drug Offences in Canada*, now in its third edition.

Mr. MacFarlane started his career in Winnipeg with the Federal Department of Justice prosecuting a wide variety of cases, principally drug conspiracies and white collar crime. Subsequently, he was appointed Director of Legal Services for the RCMP in Ottawa (1982), Director of Justice Canada in Alberta (1986) and finally Assistant Deputy Attorney General for Canada (1989) where he was responsible for all federal prosecutions across Canada. In 1993, he returned to his home province as Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General.

At various stages in his career, Mr. MacFarlane was: appointed Head negotiator for Canada to negotiate an extradition treaty with Mexico; a founding member of the Heads of Prosecution Agencies in the Commonwealth; a Commissioner at the Uniform Law Conference of Canada; a member of the National Crime Prevention Council; and Co-Chair of the National Committee of Deputy Ministers of Justice in Canada. In 2003, he presented a major paper on wrongful convictions at the bi-annual meeting of the Heads of Prosecution Agencies in the Commonwealth at Darwin, Australia and further refined the material for presentation at the Ireland meeting in

2005. He also appeared as an expert witness in the Lamer Commission of Inquiry into Wrongful Convictions in Newfoundland in 2005.

Lee Stuesser is Professor of Law at the University of Manitoba, where he has been teaching since 1988. His areas of interest are criminal law, advocacy and evidence. He has written over 30 articles and is the author of two books on advocacy and the co-author, with Professor David Paciocco, of: *Essentials of Canadian Law: The Law of Evidence* (1996, 1999, 2002 3rd. ed., Irwin Law Book). Professor Stuesser is also an Adjunct Professor at Bond University in Australia, where he teaches regularly.

M. Michelle Gallant, Ph.D.(London), LL.M. (UBC), LL.B. (UNB) is Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba. Her research and teaching interests include taxation law, international law (public, private and criminal) and money laundering. Published works include, *Money Laundering and Proceeds of Crime: Civil Remedies and Economic Crime* (Edward Elgar: London, 2005).

DeLloyd J. Guth, M.A., Ph.D. As Professor of Law and Legal History in the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Law, Dr. DeLloyd J. Guth has teaching responsibilities for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) program, for first year comparative legal systems, and for the Canadian Legal History Project, which produces regular monographs for the Supreme Court of Canada Historical Series. He is an annual Visiting Professor of Medieval Law in the Central European University, Budapest, and Life Member of Clare Hall, University of Cambridge. His scholarly research publication interests in comparative legal history range from ancient to modern, having trained in late-medieval English common law. He has a special commitment to studies in procedural laws, with a focus on issues in "wrongful conviction" of due process, rule of law, equality, and rule governed powers of police, prosecutors, lawyers, and judges.

Stephen Bindman is the Department of Justice Canada's Special Advisor On Wrongful Convictions. In 2003, he completed a four-year term as lay bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Until November 1998, he was national legal affairs correspondent for Southam News based in Ottawa. He reported regularly on the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court, Justice Department and the legal system for more than 30 newspapers across Canada. He has contributed to numerous legal publications and has appeared regularly on TV and radio as a legal commentator. He is a former president of the 1,300-member Canadian Association of Journalists and has been a governor of the National Newspaper Awards and Canadian Journalism Foundation. He is a former director of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice. He has twice been a finalist in the National Newspaper Awards. He graduated from Carleton University in Ottawa with joint honors in journalism and law in 1983. In 1988 he was awarded a prestigious Southam Fellowship and studied law and criminology at the University of Toronto and in 1995 was awarded a fellowship from Yale Law School to study for a Master's in Legal Studies.

The Honourable Jeffrey James Oliphant, is Associate Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba and Deputy Judge of the Nunavut Court of Justice. A native of Dauphin, Manitoba, he graduated from the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law and was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1967. For the next eighteen years he handled criminal and civil litigation cases for the Dauphin law firm of Johnston & Company, and was heavily engaged as an arbitrator in labour arbitrations throughout Manitoba. His appointment as Q.C. in 1980 was followed in the next ten years by appointments as Justice and Associate Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba. Most recently in 2002 he was appointed Deputy Judge of the Nunavut Court of Justice.

A distinguished member of the Canadian Judicial Council since 1991, Mr. Justice Oliphant has served on numerous committees including his current involvement as a member of the Judges' Technology Advisory Committee and chair of the Public Information Committee. He has also served as Vice-Chair and Chair of the Manitoba Police Commission. Since 1991 Mr. Justice Oliphant has been a lecturer at the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law on various subjects, including pretrial conferences, alternative dispute resolution and sentencing. He also lectures in criminal law and trial management at the National Judicial Institute's Early Orientation Seminars for new federally appointed judges.

Richard Wolson Q.C. is a partner in the Winnipeg law firm of Gindin, Wolson, Simmonds. He received his LL.B from the University of Manitoba in 1969 and has practiced criminal law exclusively since being called to the Manitoba Bar in 1973. He became a partner of Walsh, Micay and Company in 1977 and worked with the firm until 1995. He was appointed Q.C. in 1995 and founded the law firm of Gindin, Wolson, Simmonds in the same year. He is former Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Manitoba Bar Association, Criminal Law Subsection; founding member of Inns of Court; Fellow of the International Society of Barristers; and Counsel to the Thomas Soponow Inquiry.

Mr. Wolson has been a faculty member from 1985 to the present for the Federation of Law Societies' National Criminal Law Program and he has lectured on criminal law, evidence and ethics on numerous occasions, including: Manitoba Bar Admissions course on Criminal Law; Isaac Pitblado Lectures on Criminal Evidence; Manitoba Bar Association Continuing Legal Education; Law Society lectures to the profession; Queen's Bench/Provincial Judges Court Judges Program; American Judicature Society; AIDWYC, Innocent Behind Bars, Toronto, Ontario. He has also published various papers on criminal law, evidence, and advocacy with the Federation of Law Societies National Criminal Law Program, Isaac Pitblado Lectures and the Drake Law Review.