

**Chief Justice of Ontario's Advisory Committee on Professionalism
Symposium on Lifelong Learning in Professionalism
Bennett Lecture Hall, Flavelle House
University of Toronto
February 20, 2009**

9:00 **Opening**
Justice Stephen Goudge (Court of Appeal for Ontario)

9:05 **Welcome**
Chief Justice Warren Winkler (Court of Appeal for Ontario), **W.A. Derry Millar** (Treasurer, Law Society of Upper Canada) and **Dean Mayo Moran** (University of Toronto)

9:15 **Session I: What is “lifelong learning” and why is it needed?**

Moderator: **Associate Chief Justice Dennis O'Connor** (Court of Appeal for Ontario)
Presenters: **Richard Devlin** (Dalhousie University) and **Alice Woolley** (University of Calgary)

Commentators: **Alan Treleaven** (Law Society of British Columbia) and **Adam Dodek** (University of Ottawa)

Identifying the rationale/case for lifelong professionalism learning:

- are there problems with the status quo on professionalism teaching/learning?
- can elements of these problems be solved through lifelong learning?
- consider the inherent indeterminacy of what may be included in “professionalism” and/or “legal ethics”.

10:45 Break

11:00 **Session II: What are the different approaches to “lifelong learning”? What can we learn from other jurisdictions?**

Moderator: **Heather Joy Ross** (The Ross Firm)

Presenters: **Brad Wendel** (Cornell University), **Dean Brent Cotter** (University of Saskatchewan) and **John Hunter** (Law Society of British Columbia)

Commentators: **Justice Alison Harvison Young** (Ontario Superior Court of Justice) and **Glenn Hainey** (Gowlings)

Models of lifelong professionalism learning:

- what do we mean by lifelong professionalism learning? is there a shared definition?
- in what ways could this be implemented? models from other professions, jurisdictions
- what can we draw from the field of adult education?
- how linked to mandatory CLE more generally?
- specific examples of teaching/learning.

12:45 Lunch

1:45 **Session III: What is the Role of Stakeholders?**

Moderator: **Stephen Pitel** (University of Western Ontario)

Presenters: **Justice Stephen Goudge** (Court of Appeal for Ontario) & **Susan Lightstone** (National Judicial Institute), **Michael Code** (University of Toronto), **Alan Mark** (Ogilvy Renault) and **Laurie Pawlitza** (Torken Manes)

The role of key stakeholders:

- how could each of the following groups be involved in a program of lifelong professionalism learning: academics, the LSUC as regulator, managing partners, voluntary legal associations, judges?

2:45 **Conclusions and Next Steps**

Discussion leaders: **Trevor Farrow** (Osgoode Hall) and **Mary Jackson** (Blake, Cassels & Graydon)

3:45 Break

4:00 **Goodman Lecture**

Justice Stephen Goudge (Court of Appeal for Ontario)

“Looking Back and Looking Forward on Learning in Professionalism”

4:30 **Closing and Reception**