

**A CELEBRATION OF ONTARIO'S COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINICS
SYMPOSIUM AGENDA**

Thursday November 12, 2009, 9 am to 4:30
89 Chestnut Street Conference Facility of the University of Toronto

- 8:45 Registration & Breakfast
- 9:15 - 9:25 Welcome from Conference Committee
- 9:30 - 10:30 The Legacy - Foundations for Success:
How the system was built; what are its defining features; why
community legal clinics continue to matter: A conversation with the
Hon. R. Roy McMurtry and **Justice Lee Ferrier**.
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 Building to the Future - Current and Future Issues
Professor Michael Trebilcock and **Professor Mary Jane Mossman
and Karen Cohl**, authors of three recent papers on Ontario's legal aid
system, will be discussing their findings on the unique contribution of
clinics to access to justice for disadvantaged individuals and
communities.
Discussion led by **Hon. David Peterson**.
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch (provided)
Roger Smith, a leading U.K. expert on publicly-funded legal services,
will comment over lunch on the significance of Ontario's community legal
clinics as a model for achieving access to justice.
- 1:45 – 2:00 **Hon. Chris Bentley, Attorney-General**
- 2:00 – 3:10 What do Ontario's Community Legal Clinics Do Today?
Presentation by a clinic panel on current practice, issues,
successes and challenges.
Chaired by **Raj Anand**, *WeirFoulds*, LSUC Bencher and Chair,
Human Rights Legal Support Centre.
- 3:10 – 3:20 Break
- 3:20 – 4:30 Open Mike Session
This session will give participants a chance to comment on the role of
clinics in the broader 'access to justice' context. There will be an
opportunity to consider the contribution of community legal clinics to
Ontario's broader social justice agenda, including the government's
poverty reduction strategy.
Chaired by **Professor Lorne Sossin** and **Karen Cohl**.

**A reception hosted by the Law Society of Upper Canada will follow the
Symposium and will take place at Osgoode Hall, 2nd Floor Hall, 5 p.m.
Cash Bar.**