Thursday, January 17, 2008

5:00 Opening

5:05 Welcome (Dean Mayo Moran, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto; rep. of organizing committee)

5:10 Introduction of keynote address (Justice James Carnwath, Superior Court of Ontario)

5:15 Keynote address; Lord Justice Robert Carnwath, (Senior President of Tribunals)

6:00 Reception

Friday, January 18, 2008

8:30 Breakfast / Coffee

9:00 Welcome

9:05 Panel 1: New Frontiers of Merit in Tribunal Appointments

Lorne Sossin, Professor, (Faculty of Law, University of Toronto) (moderator)

- Debra Roberts (Public Appointments Secretariat, Government of Ontario)
- Judith McCormick (Downtown Legal Services)
- Michael Gottheil (Ontario Human Rights Tribunal)
- Lilian Ma (Landlord and Tenant Board)

10:30 Break
10:45  Panel 2: Current Issues in Tribunal Independence

David Mullan (Integrity Commissioner, City of Toronto) (moderator)

- Ron Ellis (Osgoode Hall Law School)
- Laverne Jacobs (University of Windsor)
- Audrey Macklin (University of Toronto)

Commentator: Visiting Professor, Adam Dodek (Osgoode/U of T)

12:15  Lunch

1:30  Panel 3: New Developments in Tribunal Reform

Justice John Evans (Federal Court) (moderator)

- France Houle (University of Montreal) “Lessons from Quebec”
- Lord Justice Robert Carnwath (Senior President of Tribunals) “Lessons from the UK”
- Dean Philip Bryden (University of New Brunswick) “Lessons from BC”
- Ivana Petricone (ARCH legal clinic, Ontario) “Ontario’s experience”

Commentator: Professor Cristie Ford (University of British Columbia)

3:00  Break

3:15  Roundtable Discussion on Next Steps to Reform (Kathy Laird (Ontario Human Rights Tribunal) – Moderator)

4:15  Conference Wrap-Up