

# THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF ONTARIO'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONALISM

## Sixth Colloquium on the Legal Profession

### Law and Lawyers in Literature and Film

**Location:** University of Toronto  
Bennett Lecture Hall, Flavelle House, Faculty of Law

**Date:** Friday, March 10, 2006, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This colloquium of the Chief Justice of Ontario's Advisory Committee on Professionalism bridges the perspectives of practitioners and academics on what it means to practise law with "honour" and "integrity" in a variety of practice modes and specialties. It also considers how lawyers and the legal profession are viewed in the media and by the public. It offers both practical tools and personal reflections on the changing nature of law practice and how the legal profession's core values can be identified and maintained in challenging times.

#### AGENDA - Friday, March 10, 2006

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

Mayo Moran, Dean, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, Chief Justice of Ontario

9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **LAW, LAWYERS, AND JUDGES IN FILM**

From *Antigone* to *Street Legal* and *Law and Order*, law and lawyers have been a popular subject for drama on stage and on film. But is the depiction of law, lawyers, and judges accurate or fair? What does the depiction say about the role of lawyers in society and about law as a learned profession? Why does the depiction matter and what, if anything, can the bench and bar do about how they are depicted? What can they learn from law, lawyers, and judges in film about professionalism?

Chair: Professor Lorne Sossin, Associate Dean, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

*The Lawyer as Anti-Hero*  
Professor Brenda Cossman, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

*Images of Professionalism in Film*

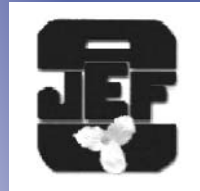
Professor Ed Morgan, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

*(In)visibility of the Courtroom in Film*

Professor Angela Fernandez, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## **LAW, LAWYERS, AND JUDGES IN LITERATURE**

Aeschylus, Bolt, Camus, Dickens, Dostoyevsky, Forester, Lee, Kafka, Melville, Shakespeare, Sophocles, Twain and many other authors have used the stories of law, lawyers, and judges as the means to discuss the themes of the human condition, including the pursuit of truth and justice. A panel of judges and lawyers, lead by a professor of literature, will discuss the books of law and literature that matter to them and consider what lessons these books offer about professionalism, how the law is practised, and how it ought to be practised.

Panel: **Professor Greig Henderson**, *University of Toronto*  
**The Honourable James M. Farley**, *Superior Court of Justice*  
**Gavin Mackenzie**, Barrister and Solicitor

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

## **Lunch (Buffet) — Rowell Room**

1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS — WHEN THE LAWYER KNOWS THE CLIENT IS GUILTY: LEGAL ETHICS AND POPULAR CULTURE**

**Michael Asimow**, *UCLA School of Law*, Los Angeles  
(author "Reel Justice: The Courtroom Goes to the Movies")

1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## **THE COURTROOM AS THEATRE; THE JUDGMENT AS LITERATURE**

The law, the legal process, and legal writing, including judgments, are inherently theatrical and dramatic. But are they literature? Can they be? Should they be? Do the methods and practices of literature have anything to offer the profession and the practice of law in the boardroom or in the courtroom? What can literature, practically speaking, offer the law?

Chair: **Professor Lorraine Weinrib**, Toronto  
**The Honourable John I. Laskin**, *Court of Appeal for Ontario*  
**The Honourable Gordon P. Kileen**, *Superior Court of Justice*  
**Julian Porter, Q.C.**, Barrister and Solicitor  
**Dermot Nolan**, Barrister and Solicitor, Hamilton, Ontario  
**Kate Trotter**, Actress

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **Concluding Remarks**

**Professor Lorne Sossin**, Associate Dean, *University of Toronto, Faculty of Law*

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