

BROKEN BAIL: Reform in Ontario

A Panel Discussion

In the fall of 2017, the Ministry of the Attorney General implemented a new initiative titled *The Bail Directive – Judicial Interim Release*, which is a targeted strategy to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the bail system. On any given day, more than half of those detained within Canada's provincial and territorial jails are **legally innocent**, either waiting for their determination of bail or awaiting trial. Despite the steady decline in Canada's crime rates over the last 25 years, the number of pre-trial detainees has increased drastically. The panel will focus on the experiences that each professional has had with the bail system since the implementation of the bail directive, as well as any challenges or barriers, and will speak to further reforms that may help to address larger, systemic issues.

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6 PM to 8 PM

Room: CG165

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Drinks and Snacks
will be provided

Panelists:

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