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## **Nominate an outstanding access to justice leader**

Toronto, ON – The Law Foundation of Ontario is encouraging nominations for its signature Guthrie Award.

The Law Foundation of Ontario created the Guthrie Award in 1996 to honour Hugh Donald Guthrie, Q.C., a long-time member and Chair of the Foundation's Board. This year the Foundation celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first time the award was presented.

The 2017 Guthrie Award will once again recognize an access to justice champion. Past recipients have come from many directions – the judiciary, private bar, community legal clinics, and nonprofit organizations. They saw a chance to make a difference and took it. Guthrie recipients built bridges between youth and the justice system; advanced justice for Indigenous peoples; served women experiencing violence; and strengthened the community clinic system to assist people with low-incomes.

With the 2017 Guthrie Award, the Foundation hopes to recognize a champion who is actively engaged with the challenges and opportunities in today's justice landscape – someone who has made a difference in the past and is also focused on the future. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Guthrie Award, and the celebratory event to honour this year's recipient, will provide an opportunity to profile both the important work that has been done and the work that still needs to be done to advance justice for all Ontarians.

### **Call for nominations until April 17, 2017**

Nominations of individuals who have a significant and proven track record of furthering access to justice are being accepted until April 17, 2017. For details on the streamlined nomination process, visit [lawfoundation.on.ca](http://lawfoundation.on.ca).

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**About The Law Foundation of Ontario**

Established by statute in 1974, The Law Foundation of Ontario is the sole foundation in Ontario with the mandate of improving access to justice. Through granting and collaboration, the Foundation invests in knowledge and services that help people understand the law and use it to improve their lives.

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