

University of Toronto Criminal Law Students' Association (CLSA) and AIDWYC Present:

Interviewing Child Witnesses and Victims: Preventing Wrongful Convictions through Best Practices

TIME 12:30-2 p.m.

DATE Tuesday September 29, 2015

PLACE Room 115, Victoria University Building (Old Vic)
University of Toronto

DESCRIPTION The Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted (AIDWYC) is a Canadian, non-profit organization dedicated to exonerating innocent people and preventing miscarriages of justice through legal education and justice system reform. In the 22 years since its inception, AIDWYC has exonerated 20 innocent people who together spent almost 200 years in prison.

One of the causes of wrongful convictions is the improper interviewing of child witnesses and victims. On September 29, Memorial University PhD Candidate (Psychology) Kirk Luther will discuss the history of child interviewing practices in Canada, child development factors (such as memory, language, and suggestibility), various child interviewing protocols, and the progress that has been made training police officers in Canada.

AIDWYC Legal Education Counsel Amanda Carling will talk about AIDWYC's work as well as volunteer, summer and articling opportunities with the organization.

Coffee and dessert will be served. Please join us!

