

SCC 2067



The Supreme Court of Canada in Fifty Years

An Essay Competition

The Supreme Court of Canada is pleased to announce an essay competition for Canadian law students. The competition is organized as part of the **Supreme Court of Canada Symposium**, an event to be held in Ottawa on October 26 and 27, 2017. The Symposium will bring together judges, lawyers, scholars and others to consider challenges and opportunities for the Court's future role in Canadian society. All nine members of the Supreme Court of Canada will take part. The Symposium is organized by the Court in cooperation with the National Judicial Institute.

The Court wants Canadian law students to participate in this event. To that end, students are invited to prepare submissions on the theme, "SCC 2067—the Supreme Court of Canada in fifty years' time". Your submission will consist of two parts: an **original essay** and a **proposal for a three-minute video** summarizing your essay's argument. The creativity and effectiveness of your video proposal will form an important part of the assessment of your submission as a whole.

Only finalists will be asked to produce and submit the accompanying videos. From these finalists, a small number of winners will be chosen. Winners will be invited to attend the Symposium. This will be a unique opportunity to interact with the justices of the Court and other Symposium attendees, including in informal settings such as a luncheon in the justices' chambers.

Essays may address any topic related to the shape, role, impact or influence of the Supreme Court of Canada in fifty years' time, projecting present trends into the future or advocating radical shifts in direction. Some examples, for illustrative purposes only, include:

- The relevance of the Supreme Court of Canada as a court of final general jurisdiction in 2067

- Federalism and the Supreme Court at Canada's bicentennial
- Charter 2067: What will the Court's docket of Charter cases look like fifty years from now?
- A changing Canada: the effect of demographic shifts on the country's highest court
- International, indigenous, internet—future sources of Canadian law?
- Fifty years of Truth and Reconciliation: indigenous rights and law in 2067
- The many rooms of justice: technological change and the Supreme Court of Canada in mid-century

Essays will be evaluated by a jury composed of legal scholars and retired judges. Publication of a selection of the top essays will likely follow the competition.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Eligibility: The competition is open to all undergraduate and graduate law students registered in a Canadian law school or faculty at the time of submission.

Deadline: May 1, 2017, at 13h00, Eastern Standard Time (Montreal time).

Announcement of finalists will be made in summer 2017. Finalists must produce and submit their proposed videos by a date to be determined. Winners will then be chosen and invited to attend the Symposium where their videos will be shown and discussed.

Criteria for submission: Essays must be:

- in English or French;
- no longer than 8,000 words (including footnotes) for texts in English and 8,800 words (including footnotes) for texts in French;
- prepared according to the *Canadian Guide to Legal Citation* (<http://lawjournal.mcgill.ca/en/text/22>);
- unpublished (not yet accepted for publication) as of May 1, 2017;
- printed in 12 point font, double-spaced, with a 2.5 cm margins on all sides;
- page-numbered in the upper right corner;
- submitted in MS Word format;
- introduced by a distinct document including the title, author's name and contact information including email address, together with a statement affirming the author's eligibility for the competition and the unpublished status of the paper;
- accompanied by an abstract of no more than 200 words summarising the argument and conclusions.

Video proposals must be:

- in English or French;
- no longer than one page;
- submitted in MS Word format.

Submissions are to be emailed to Professor Daniel Jutras at daniel.jutras@mcgill.ca. All questions and requests for information about the competition can be sent to the same email address.