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**The Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice  
Holds a National Conference with Experts in Law and Mental Health**  
(October 17–19, 2018, Ottawa)

**Montréal, October 10, 2018** — The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) will focus on Justice and Mental Health and will take place in Ottawa from October 17 to 19, 2018. Over 40 law and mental health experts from across Canada will speak at the event.

“Our justice system has to evolve and adapt to new organizational, social and cultural realities. This Conference is a great opportunity to address the challenges facing us when it comes to interacting appropriately and efficiently with people experiencing mental health issues.” – Canadian Senator Kim Pate, Honorary Chair

“Every year for the past 43 years, CIAJ has organized an annual conference that builds bridges between justice and non-justice experts, gathering different views, which contribute to solutions that enable change. This year, in addition to legal and public policy experts, we will bring together many professionals from the health sector, including clinical psychiatrists, heads of hospital departments and research chairholders. Based on their observations of current interactions between the justice system and the mental health care sector, they will draw a nationwide portrait of the legal landscape” – CIAJ’s Executive Director, Ms. Christine O’Doherty

The conference is co-chaired by Mr. Patrick A. Molinari, Ad. E. FRSC, counsel at Lavery LLP, and The Honourable Justice James O’Reilly from the Federal Court, President and Vice-President of CIAJ respectively.

A free student panel entitled “Law and Happiness: Challenges and Opportunities to Improving Lawyer and Student Well-Being” will take place on Friday afternoon.

The full brochure is available on CIAJ’s website:  
<https://ciaj-icaj.ca/en/training-programs/2018-annual-conference/>

**About CIAJ**

The Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice promotes excellence and leadership in the administration of justice through knowledge, learning and the exchange of ideas. Since its inception in 1974, the CIAJ has kept a critical eye on our justice system and explored cutting-edge issues likely to improve the administration of justice and preserve a strong and independent judiciary.

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