Justice Abella was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 2004, the first Jewish woman appointed to Canada’s top court. Her remarkable life has been a series of firsts. Born in a displaced persons camp in Stuttgart, Germany, she had a storied career before joining Canada’s top court - as a practicing lawyer, a family court judge (the first pregnant person and first refugee appointed to the judiciary in Canada), law reformer (Chair of the Ontario Law Reform Commission), labour adjudicator (Chair of the Ontario Labour Relations Board), law professor (McGill Faculty of Law), appeal court justice and commission of inquiry head (her 1984 federal Royal Commission on Equality in Employment created the term and concept of “employment equity.”) She was elected to the Royal Society of Canada in 1997, to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2007, and to the American Philosophical Society in 2018 and in 2020, she was awarded the Knight Commander’s Cross of the Order of Merit by the President of Germany. She is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music, has judged the Giller Literary Prize, moderated a Prime Ministerial Leader’s Debate and spellbound audiences around the globe with her oratory. She has left her imprint on the Supreme Court of Canada and on the law in Canada and around the world.


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6:30 – 8:30 pm  WELCOME RECEPTION & ART EXHIBIT – NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA

DAY 2 | THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 – Eastern Time Zone

8:00 – 9:00 am  REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST – INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM A-B
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9:00 – 9:30 am  WELCOME REMARKS
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Gerald Chan, Partner, Stockwoods LLP
Vanessa MacDonnell, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa and Co-Director of the uOttawa Public Law Centre
Jacques Frémont, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Ottawa

9:30 – 10:30 am  SESSION ONE | International Impact
This panel will feature judges and scholars from around the world, speaking to Justice Abella’s impact
Panel Chair  Vanessa MacDonnell, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa and Co-Director of the uOttawa Public Law Centre
Speakers  Justice Albie Sachs, Founder, Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa
Harold Hongju Koh, Sterling Professor of International Law, Yale Law School
Justice Luis Barroso, Supreme Federal Court of Brazil
Justice Dorit Beinisch, Ninth President of the Supreme Court of Israel

10:30 – 11:00 am  BREAK

11:00 am – 12:15 pm  SESSION TWO | Influences
This session will explore some of the non-legal influences on Justice Abella’s life and career
Panel Chair  Ewa Krajewska, Partner, Henein Hutchison LLP
Speakers  Mary Liston, Associate Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia
Reading Judges, Reading Law: The Law and Humanities Legacy of Justice Abella
Adrian Fung, Executive & Artistic Director, Music in the Morning
The Creative Edge of Justice Abella
Charles Pachter, Artist
Art and Justice Abella
Bernie Farber, Human Rights Consultant
Judaism and Justice Abella
Jamie Liew, Associate Professor, Director of the Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies, University of Ottawa
Reflections on Justice Abella’s Legacy in Immigration and Refugee Law
12:15 – 1:45 pm  LUNCH

1:15 pm  Keynote address | The Life and Legacy of Justice Abella
The Honourable Irwin Cotler, PC, OC, OQ, Founder and Chair, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights

1:45 – 3:15 pm  SESSION THREE | Early Career
This session will discuss Justice Abella’s career contributions before she became a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada

Panel Chair  Marie-Eve Sylvestre, Dean and Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

Speakers  Eric Adams, Vice Dean and Professor, University of Alberta, Faculty of Law
*Before the Beginning, After the End: Justice Abella’s Overture*

Vanessa Gruben, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
*The Early Years: Reflections on Justice Abella’s Legacy as a Family Court Judge*

David Lepofsky, CM, Visiting Professor of Disability Rights and Legal Education, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
*Justice Abella the Law Reformer*

Michael Stein, Founder and Executive Director, Harvard Law School Project on Disability

David Baker, Principal, Bakerlaw
*Justice Abella and the Championing of the Rights of Persons with Disability*

Adelle Blackett, Professor & Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Transnational Labour Law and Development, Faculty of Law, McGill University
*Employment Equity: Looking Back to Move Forward*

3:15 – 3:30 pm  BREAK

3:30 – 4:45 pm  SESSION FOUR | Justice Abella & Women in the Legal Profession
This session, sponsored by The Advocates’ Society, will discuss Justice Abella’s trailblazing career and its specific significance for women in the legal profession

Panel Chair  Deborah Palter, Partner, Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP and President of The Advocates’ Society

Speakers  Justice Andromache Karakatsanis, Supreme Court of Canada

Sana Halwani, Partner, Lenczner Slaght LLP

Justice Freda Steel, Manitoba Court of Appeal

Rosalie Jukier, Professor and Associate Dean, Academic, Faculty of Law, McGill University

Linda Rothstein, Partner, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

Shantona Chaudhury, Partner, Pape Chaudhury LLP

6:30 – 9:30 pm  BANQUET DINNER

Master of Ceremonies  Guy Pratte, Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG)
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11:00 am – 12:20 pm SESSION SIX  |  Justice Abella’s Jurisprudence – Concurrent Sessions

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW - INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM A-B
Panel Chair  Adam Dodek, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

Speakers  
Jamie Cameron, Professor Emerita, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University  
Justice Abella's Conception of Freedom under Section 2 of the Charter

Howie Kislowicz, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Calgary  
Looking Through Another’s Eyes: Justice Abella’s Religious Freedom Jurisprudence

Carissima Mathen, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa  
The Criminal Law Jurisprudence of Rosalie Abella

Han-Ru Zhou, Associate Professor, Université de Montréal  
The Various Shapes and Shades of Judicial Review

Justice Alexander Pless, Superior Court of Québec  
Justice Abella and Constitutional Principle

Aimée Craft, Research Chair, Nibi miinawaa aki inaakonigewin: Indigenous Governance in Relationship with Land and Water, University of Ottawa  
The Pursuit of Reconciliation: Justice Abella’s Contribution to Drawing back the Curtain on Canada’s (Hi)storied Relationship with Indigenous Peoples

LABOUR LAW - CAPITALE
Panel Chair & Speaker  Colleen Bauman, Partner, Goldblatt Partners LLP  
The Dignity of Work: Recognizing Worker Vulnerability and Inequality of Bargaining Power

Speakers  
Robin Basu, General Counsel, Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General  
Constitutionalizing Rationality: Themes in Justice Abella’s Charter and Labour Jurisprudence

Brian Langille, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto  
Speaking Rationality to Power

Charles Tremblay-Potvin, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Université Laval  
Les suites de la « Commission Abella » au regard de l’élaboration du concept de « discrimination systémique » en contexte d’emploi

Respondent  Claire Mumme, Associate Professor, University of Windsor

12:20 – 1:30 pm  LUNCH
1:30 – 3:00 pm  SESSION SEVEN | Future Directions

This panel will explore how Justice Abella’s jurisprudence will continue to shape Canadian law into the future, identifying possible dissents that could become majorities and the like.

Panel Chair  Errol Mendes, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

Speakers

Gerald Chan, Partner, Stockwoods LLP
Stemming the Tide of Technological Determinism

Kate Berger, Assistant Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
An Impact That Cannot Be Undone: Justice Abella and Administrative Law

Karen Eltis, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
L’accès à la justice et la dépendance sur l’infrastructure technologique privée en contexte de ‘cyber pandémie’

Rosemary Cairns-Way, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
Future Directions: The Legacy of Justice Abella’s Vision of Equality

Andrew Bernstein, Partner, Torys LLP
Justice Abella’s Technology Jurisprudence

Sara Ghebremusse, Assistant Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia
Expanding the Boundaries of International Law in Canada: The Legacy of Justice Rosalie Abella

3:00 – 3:15 pm  BREAK

3:15- 4:30 pm  Fireside Chat between Justice Abella and Paul Wells, Macleans

Introductions
Justice Colleen Suche, Manitoba Court of Queen’s Bench

4:30 pm  CLOSING REMARKS

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