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Further to its 45th Annual Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the Law, CIAJ continues to explore the current state and future of self-governance strategy for Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Through this Symposium held in person in Ottawa and online from November 21-22, 2023, we aim to pursue our research on how Indigenous communities design their own legal institutions to create a justice system that reflects their values. We wish that this first edition of the Symposium will be followed by many more. Such an annual event would provide the space for dialogue and exchange among actors of the legal system.

Topics Overview:

- The instruments for decision-making power
- The scope of Indigenous jurisdictions
- Strategies to create self-governance
- Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples
- Decolonization of legal institutions
- The enduring legacy of a colonial relationship

Who should attend? Members of Indigenous communities, judges, legal professionals and law students across Canada are invited to join the discussion, reflect on the future and collectively work toward solutions.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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DAY 1 | TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

- 10:00 – 10:30 am** LOG IN AND ONLINE PROGRAM SET UP
- 10:30 – 11:15 am** Land Acknowledgment and Opening Remarks
- Elder*
- Guests of Honour*
- Speaker*
- Michael Kanentakeron Mitchell, Former Grand Chief, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
 - The Honourable Murray Sinclair, CC, MSC, IPC, Former Senator; Chancellor, Queen's University; General Counsel, Cochrane Saxberg, Winnipeg (*pre-recorded presentation*)
 - The Honourable Justice Leonard Marchand, British Columbia Court of Appeal (*online*)
 - The Honourable Justice P. Colleen Suche, Court of King's Bench of Manitoba; Past President, CIAJ
- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm** An Environmental Scan – The Legal Landscape in Canada
- Moderator*
- Speaker*
- The Honourable Justice Tracy Engelking, Superior Court of Justice (Ontario)
 - Bradford Morse, Professor, Faculty of Law, Thompson Rivers University
- 12:00 – 12:30 pm** The Story of a Success: The BC Strategy
- Moderator*
- Keynote Speaker*
- Adam Letourneau, K.C., Founder and Managing Partner, Letourneau LLP
 - Kory Wilson, Executive Director, Indigenous Initiatives and Partnerships, BCIT; Chair, BC First Nations Justice Council
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm** Block 1: What Kind of Justice Do You Want for Your Community?
- Moderator*
- Speakers*
- The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Joanne Durant, Alberta Court of Justice
 - The Honourable Justice Anna Loparco, Court of King's Bench of Alberta
 - Larissa Speak, Assistant Professor, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, Lakehead University
 - Jerilee Ryle, Manitoba Prosecution Services: Senior Crown Attorney, Chair of the Indigenous Counsel and Lead of the Reconciliation Committee
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm** LUNCH
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm** Block 2: Let's Build Our Justice System! Some Strategies
- Moderator*
- Speakers*
- The Honourable Judge Margaret I. Wiebe, Provincial Court of Manitoba
 - Pierre Clary-Rock, Regional Coordinator, Justice Program, Council of the Atikamekw Nation
 - Kevin Fleisher, Commissioner of Justice, Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke
 - The Honourable Justice Derek Redman, Alberta Court of Justice
 - Clarissa Pearce, Executive Legal Counsel, Alberta Court of Justice
- 3:30 – 3:45 pm** BREAK
- 3:45 – 4:45 pm** Plenary – Share Ideas on How to Build Your Justice System
- Moderator*
- The Honourable Justice Derek Redman, Alberta Court of Justice
- 6:00 – 7:30 pm** COCKTAIL

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

- 9:30 – 10:00 am** LOG IN AND ONLINE PROGRAM SET UP
- 10:00 – 10:30 am** The Māori Land Court
Moderator • Bradford Morse, Professor, Faculty of Law, Thompson Rivers University
Speaker • Dr. Caren Fox, Chief Justice, Māori Land Court, New Zealand (*pre-recorded presentation*)
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm** Block 3: Resourcing Your Courts
Moderator • Jennifer Cox, K.C., Staff Lawyer, Dalhousie Legal Aid Service, Dalhousie University
Speakers • Sarah Arngna'naaq, Crown Counsel, Public Prosecution Service of Canada, Nunavut Regional Office (Iqaluit) (*online*)
• Tekahnawiiaks (Joyce) King, Executive Director, Native North American Traveling College
• Michael Kanentakeron Mitchell, Former Grand Chief, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** Plenary – Share Ideas on Resources
Moderator • Scott Robertson, Senior Associate, Nahwegahbow, Corbiere
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm** Block 4: How Will We Measure Our Successes?
Moderator • Meredith Brown, Strategist & Partner, Calibrate Solutions
Speakers • The Honourable Justice André Chamberlain, Ontario Court of Justice
• The Honourable Judge Laurel Halfpenny MacQuarrie, Provincial Court of Nova Scotia
- 2:00 – 2:45 pm** LUNCH
- 2:45 – 3:45 pm** Plenary – Share Ideas on Measures of Successes
Moderator • Meredith Brown, Strategist & Partner, Calibrate Solutions
- 3:45 – 4:00 pm** BREAK
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm** Plenary – Recommendations for Future Steps
Moderator • Scott Robertson, Senior Associate, Nahwegahbow, Corbiere
- 5:00 – 5:15 pm** CLOSING CEREMONY
Speakers • The Honourable Justice P. Colleen Suche, Court of King's Bench of Manitoba; Past President, CIAJ
• Michael Kanentakeron Mitchell, Former Grand Chief, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

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