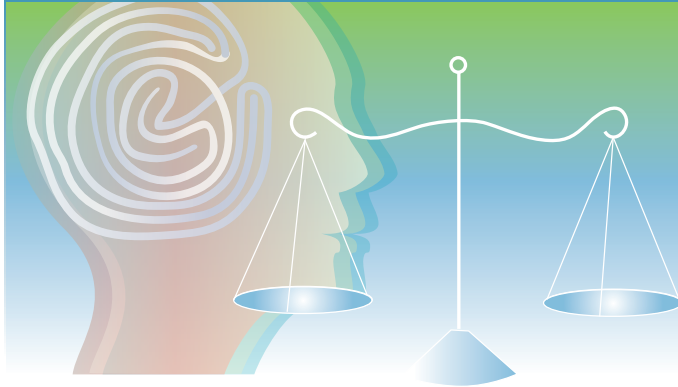


Mental Health and the Justice System: Barriers and Solutions



There are many programs that address the needs of people with mental challenges in the context of criminal justice. This session focuses on access to justice for those with mental challenges in our civil and administrative justice systems.

Monday, September 26, 2011

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8:00 AM – 8:30 AM REGISTRATION (coffee/muffins)

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM OPENING REMARKS

**8:45 AM – 10:15 AM THE STIGMA OF MENTAL ILLNESS:
A SURVIVOR'S STORY**

Speaker

Karen Liberman, Former Executive Director, Mood Disorders Association of Ontario (MDAO), Toronto, ON

Karen Liberman is an accomplished speaker and a long-time community activist and planner, workshop presenter, facilitator and social justice advocate. Karen has changed the lives of many by sharing her compelling story about living and coping with mental illness and about her long journey to survival. Karen's story will provide participants with insight into the troubling world of mental illness and how mental illness impacts the criminal, civil and administrative justice systems.

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM HEALTH BREAK

**10:30 AM – Noon COGNITIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

Speakers

Voula Marinos, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON

Dr. Hy Bloom, B.A., LL.B., MD., F.R.C.P.(C), Director of workplace.calm, inc., Toronto, ON

Persons with cognitive and developmental disabilities are disproportionately represented in legal proceedings making the process difficult and uneven for participants and decision-makers alike. Some of the cognitive and social factors at play will be examined as well as the special understanding that might be required if fairness and justice are to be upheld. Our panelists will share their expertise with the audience by reviewing the commonly seen clinical considerations found in mentally disordered offenders, the scenarios in which mental health expertise is required in the courts, and the various uses of psychiatric expertise in the criminal and civil courts.

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM LUNCH
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: MENTAL ILLNESS &
THE ELDERLY: AN ADVOCATE'S PERSPECTIVE**

Guest Speaker

Jane Meadus, staff lawyer and the Institutional Advocate at ACE (Advocate Centre for the Elderly), Toronto, ON

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM PROPORTIONALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH
ISSUES**

Speakers

The Honourable Coulter A. Osborne, former Associate Chief Justice of Ontario, Toronto, ON

The Honourable Justice Edward F. Ormston, Ontario Court of Justice, Chair, Consent and Capacity Board, and Chair, Mental Health and the Law Advisory Committee, Mental Health Commission of Canada Toronto, ON

Dr. Alexander (Sandy) Simpson, Clinical Director, Law and Mental Health Program, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Head, Law and Mental Health Program, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Lorne Sossin, Dean and Professor, Osgoode Law School, York University, Toronto, ON

People with mental challenges face barriers preventing them from accessing and participating in the justice system - time management, communication problems, cognitive impairment, features of the tribunal or courtroom environment, features of alternative dispute resolution, and lack of legal representation. The civil and administrative justice systems must balance different demands upon its processes and resources. Is it possible to apply proportionality and have an accessible justice system that treats people fairly and with respect? The Panel will discuss the challenges and issues presented by applying proportionality to people with mental challenges.

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM HEALTH BREAK

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

Speakers

The Honourable Justice Richard D. Schneider, Ontario Court of Justice, Mental Health Court, Alternate Chair of the Ontario and Nunavut Review Boards, Toronto, ON

The Honourable Matthew J. D'Emic, Presiding Judge of the Brooklyn Mental Health Court, New York State Supreme Court, New York City, NY

Alison M. Hamanjan, Esq. Assistant Deputy Counsel, Office of the Chief of Policy and Planning for New York State Courts, New York City, NY

Anne Marie Predko, Director, Family Policy and Programs Branch & Accessibility Unit, Ministry of Attorney General, Toronto, ON

Ontario's courts and tribunals deliver services across the province. These services and the institutions that provide them are essential elements of an open and accessible justice system. How do we ensure the system is accessible and equitable for all participants thus strengthening confidence in the system? This interactive session with frontline experts will discuss practical tools and tips that can improve access and participation in the civil and administrative justice systems.

**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM CLOSING SPEECH
MENTAL CHALLENGES AND ACCESS TO
JUSTICE: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE BENCH**

Speaker

The Honourable Justice Gloria Epstein, Ontario Court of Appeal, Toronto, ON

4:30 PM - 4:40 PM CLOSING REMARKS

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