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**The Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice establishes the
President's Award and names a first recipient**

Montreal, October 13, 2016 – The Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) establishes the President's Award to highlight the exceptional contribution of one of its volunteers. The Award was given for the first time at CIAJ's Annual Conference, which took place in Ottawa from October 5 to 7, to Mr. John Mark Keyes. "John Mark is a natural leader. He is prepared to debate each issue of importance to make sure we get it right. [...] He is a worthy recipient of the first President's Award!" said the Honourable Justice Georgina R. Jackson, from the Court of appeal for Saskatchewan and President of CIAJ.

About John Mark Keyes

John Mark Keyes is a sessional professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa – Common Law Section, teaching mainly in the field of public law and legislation. He is also an instructor with Athabasca University in its Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Legislative Drafting Program. He was employed in the Department of Justice (Canada), first in the Privy Council Office Section examining draft regulations, then moving to the Legislation Section to draft government bills. From 1999, he worked in various managerial positions in the Legislative Services Branch and was the Chief Legislative Counsel (Assistant Deputy Minister Responsible for Legislative Services) from 2005 until 2013.

John Mark Keyes has been a member of CIAJ for over 20 years. He first began playing a role in the development of CIAJ programs in 1994. He has been a member of its Board of Directors for almost six years and has held various posts. Prior to becoming a Board member, he became the Chair of the Legislative Drafting Committee. In that capacity, he chairs the organizing committee for CIAJ's bi-annual drafting conference.

About CIAJ

The Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) promotes excellence and leadership in the administration of justice through knowledge, learning and the exchange of ideas. The CIAJ offers education and research programs and provides a forum for everyone interested in the administration of justice. 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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