



Law Students Wanted to Participate in CIAJ's Provincial Roundtables on Jury Representation

In the spring and fall of 2019, the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) will organize provincial roundtables on the topic of systemic barriers to the representation of Indigenous peoples and racialized minorities on juries in Canada.

The roundtables will take place in Manitoba (April 6, 2019), British Columbia (June 1, 2019), Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada respectively (specific dates to come). Law students studying or living in these provinces are invited to participate in the organization of the discussions.

The roundtables will gather members of Indigenous communities living within the province and members of the province's judiciary, bar association and academic institutions. Defence and Crown lawyers will also be included in the discussion. Together the participants will address procedural barriers arising from their province's jury selection regime.

Students will work alongside members of the Roundtable Planning Committee and will get the chance to research case law, doctrine and legislation governing a province's jury process, as well as the general federal criminal jury selection process. Following the roundtables, they will be invited to draft and publish a report to promote the results of the discussion.

How to participate

Students are encouraged to send their CV and a cover letter explaining their willingness to participate in this project. Please submit your documents to ciaj@ciaj-icaj.ca by January 31, 2019.

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