



Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges Conference

**September 24, 2009
Calgary, AB**

AGENDA

Thursday, September 24, 2009 - WILDROSE BALLROOM

“Only too often the litigant in person is regarded as a problem for judges and for the court system rather than the person for whom the system of justice exists. The true problem is the court system and its procedures, which are still too often inaccessible and incomprehensible to ordinary people.”

Lord Woolf, L.C.J. (1998) Access to Justice

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Presenters

The Honourable Judge Shelagh R. Creagh

President of the Alberta Provincial Judges Association
Provincial Court of Alberta
Edmonton

The Honourable Judge Jean-Paul Decoste

President of the Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges
Court of Québec
Rimouski

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

INTRODUCTION

The relationship between the principle of access to justice and the responsiveness of courts to self-represented litigants (“SRLs”) will be addressed.

Presenters

The Honourable A. Gail Vickery, Chief Judge

Provincial Court of Alberta
Calgary

The Honourable Allan Lefever, Deputy Chief Judge

Provincial Court of Alberta
Edmonton

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GENERAL OVERVIEW OF JUDGES' RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE SELF-REPRESENTED

A review of the case law concerning the judges' general responsibilities to assist and accommodate SRLs, with emphasis on the challenging issues and relevant underlying principles.

Presenter

Professor Glen Luther
College of Law, University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Health Break – Main Foyer by Wildrose Ballroom

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

MANAGING THE COURTROOM - UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO SELF-REPRESENTED PERSONS

Presenters

The Honourable Judge Daniel J. O'Hanlon
Provincial Court of Saskatchewan
North Battleford

The Honourable Eldon J. Simpson, Assistant Chief Judge
Provincial Court of Alberta
Peace River

Professor Glen Luther

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

ROLE OF COURT RULES

Which rules have greatest impact (positive and negative) on SRLs; how can rules be best applied to assist SRLs and to manage SRLs; comparative practice regarding old and new rules; proposed rules

A panel of judges will give short presentations on different rules and comparative jurisdictions, followed by discussion and 'tips and traps'.

Moderator

The Honourable Judge Ronald LeBlanc
Provincial Court of New Brunswick
Bathurst

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Presenters

The Honourable Peter D. Griffiths, Associate Chief Justice
Ontario Court of Justice
Toronto

The Honourable Judge Kalil Haymour
Provincial Court of Alberta
Edmonton

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

COSTS

What is the impact of costs orders; when to use and not use costs orders; when and when not to waive costs; relevant law

Moderator

The Honourable Judge Sandra Ann Hamilton
Provincial Court of Alberta
Calgary

Overview

Presenter

Mr. Michael Bates
Ruttan Bates
Calgary

Judicial Comments

Presenters

The Honourable Judge Linda Giesbrecht
Provincial Court of Manitoba
Winnipeg

The Honourable Judge Sandra Ann Hamilton

12:15 PM - 1:45 PM

Lunch – Wildrose Ballroom

Mr. D. Kevin Carroll, Q.C., L.S.M.
President, Canadian Bar Association

Speaker

Ms. Terri Mason
Western Humorist

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1:45 PM - 2:00 PM

A REPORT ON THE ACTION COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Presenters

The Honourable Judge Thérèse Alexander
Provincial Court of British Columbia
New Westminster

Ms. Diana Jean Lowe, Q.C.
Executive Director,
Canadian Forum on Civil Justice
Edmonton

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

TECHNOLOGY IN THE COURTROOM

This session will provide information on current use of technology in provincial courts – for instance, taking evidence and having appearances by video, computer streaming, speaker phones and other uses of technology, and JDR by video conference. This session will also address any legal issues that may arise with the use of technology.

Moderator

The Honourable Judge D. Albert Lavoie
Provincial Court of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon

Presenters

The Honourable Judge Edward Carruthers
Provincial Court of Alberta
Calgary

The Honourable Judge William English
Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador
Goose Bay

Ms. Faye Morrison
Director,
Court Technology Services
Edmonton

Ms. Susan Lightstone
Education Director
National Judicial Institute
Ottawa

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Health Break

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3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

AGENTS AND NON-LAWYER REPRESENTATIVES

Moderator

The Honourable Justice Katherine L. McLeod
Ontario Court of Justice
Brampton

Presenters

The Honourable Judge Odette Perron
Court of Québec
Salaberry-de-Valleyfield

Mr. Peter B. Michalyshyn, Q.C.
President of the Law Society of Alberta
Edmonton