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Seventh Colloquium on the Legal Profession

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Location: The Law Society of Upper Canada
130 Queen St. W. Toronto, ON

Date: Friday, October 20, 2006

This colloquium of the Chief Justice of Ontario's Advisory Committee on Professionalism is a series of debates in different formats (classical, crossfire, and town hall) about questions of profound interest and importance to the legal profession and to the public.

9:00 a.m.
– 9:15 a.m.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, *Chief Justice of Ontario*
Treasurer Gavin MacKenzie, *The Law Society of Upper Canada*

9:15 a.m.
– 10:15 a.m.

CLIENT SELECTION

A lawyer may refuse to act for a client whenever the lawyer disapproves of the client's ethical views, or the moral worth of the client's project.

Moderator:

Professor Stephen G. Pitel
Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario

For the Affirmative:

Professor Allan Hutchinson, *Osgoode Hall Law School, York University*

For the Negative:

Earl A. Cherniak, Q.C., *Lerners LLP*

10:15 a.m.
– 11:15 a.m.

PURSUIT OF TRUTH

The justice system restrains the pursuit of truth to further other more important social goals.

Moderator:

Treasurer Gavin MacKenzie, *The Law Society of Upper Canada*

Crossfire Panel:

The Honourable Robert P. Armstrong, *Court of Appeal for Ontario*
Alan D. Gold, *Gold & Associates*

Professor David Tanovich, *Faculty of Law, University of Windsor*
Paul Vesa, *Former President, Ontario Crown Attorneys' Association*
Benjamin Zarnett, *LSM, Former President, Advocates' Society*

11:15 a.m.
– 11:30 a.m.

Refreshment Break

11:30 a.m.
– 12:30 p.m.

DIVIDED LOYALTIES

The Era of the zealous advocate is and ought to be at an end.

Moderator:

Marie Henein, *Henein & Associates*

For the Affirmative:

Jay L. Naster, *Rosen and Company Barristers*

For the Negative:

Professor Marilyn Pilkington, *Osgoode Hall Law School, York University*

THE SEVENTH COLLOQUIUM ON THE LEGAL PROFESSION

12:30 p.m. Lunch
– 1:15 p.m.

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– 2:15 p.m.

PROFESSIONALISM AND COMMERCIALISM

The legal profession has sold its soul to Mammon.

Moderator: **Professor Paul D. Paton**, Faculty of Law, Queen's University

Crossfire Panel:

Sheila Block, *Torys LLP*

Professor Emeritus Harry Glasbeek, *Osgoode Hall Law School, York University*

Paul Kowalyshyn, *Gray, Bruce, Kowalyshyn, Cimetta*

Professor Samuel Trosow

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Information & Media Studies, University of Western Ontario

2:15 p.m.
– 3:30 p.m.

THE ADVERSARY SYSTEM

The adversary system no longer works to administer justice.

Moderator: **The Honourable Stephen Goudge**, *Court of Appeal for Ontario*

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3:30 p.m.

Colloquium Concludes

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