



Law Day is a national event celebrating the signing of Canada's *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Originated by the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) and first held in Canada in 1983, Law Day is aimed at educating and informing the public about the role and importance of the law. Since many people have a limited knowledge about the law and how the legal system works, Law Day empowers the public at large. It provides an excellent opportunity for the profession to educate the public about the vital role that lawyers and the judiciary serve in guaranteeing an open, independent and unbiased judicial system.

In Ontario, Law Day is a collaborative project organized through the partnership of the Ontario Bar Association (OBA), the Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN), the Law Society of Upper Canada (LSUC) as well as the Association of French Speaking Jurists of Ontario (AJEFO).

Law Day is made possible due to the financial contributions of the Law Day partners and generous funding by the Law Foundation of Ontario.

Law Day is celebrated annually in April and will be held this year on Thursday, April 16, 2009 with its week-long celebrations taking place from Tuesday, April 14th, 2009 to Monday, April 20th, 2009. Activities celebrating the law range from the Opening Ceremonies to the Grade 5 Poster Contest, the Charter & You, the Photography Contest, the Elementary School Mock Trial Competition, the Secondary School Mock Trial Competition, The Charter Challenge as well as organized court tours and Phone-A-Lawyer programs.

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Law Day 2009:
Marking the 27th anniversary
of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Come be a part of the largest Law Day events in Canada.
Celebrate with us!



Law Week 2009 Agenda

Mark your calendars for the following dates. You are cordially invited to take part in any of the following events/programs. Seats at the Law Day Closing & Awards are limited. Please RSVP to fconte@oba.org no later than April 8, 2009.

Date:	Time:	Program Name:	Location:	Org.
March 26 to April 6	Various	Secondary School Mock Trial Regional Competitions	Brantford Hawkesbury Markham Mississauga Orléans Sudbury Windsor	OBA
Through April	Various	Charter Challenge	Various	OJEN
	Various	High School Lecture Program	Various	OBA
	Various	Elementary/Secondary Mock Trials, Elementary Poster Challenge	Thunder Bay	OBA
Tuesday, April 7	7:30 pm	Breaking Barriers Panel discussion	St. Catharines St. Catharines Public Library, 54 Church Street	LAO/OBA
Wednesday, April 8	9:30 am to 2 pm	La Journée du droit	Hawkesbury, École secondaire catholique régionale de Hawkesbury	AJEFO
Thursday, April 9	9:30 am to 2 pm	La Journée du droit	Toronto, OBA Conference Centre 20 Toronto St., 2 nd Floor	AJEFO
Monday, April 13 to Friday, April 17	Various times	Charter Survey	Various Locations	OJEN
	Various times	Elementary School Mock Trial	Elementary Schools Province-Wide	OBA
Tuesday, April 14	9:30 am to 2:30 pm	Charter & You	OBA Conference Centre (Toronto program) and modules sent province-wide	Justice for Children and Youth/OBA
	9:30 am to 2 pm	La Journée du droit	Orléans, École secondaire catholique Garneau	AJEFO
	9:30 am	Law Day Symposium	Central Technical School, Toronto	OJEN
	4:30 pm	Law Day/Week Opening & Reception Photography Contest awards will be given out.	Toronto, Barristers' Lounge, Law Society of Upper Canada	OBA
Wednesday, April 15	Throughout the day	Active Citizens	TBC	OJEN
	Throughout the day	Mock Trial Demonstration and Court Tour	Hamilton	OJEN/OBA
	Approx. 8:30 am to late afternoon	Secondary School Mock Trial Tournament Quarterfinal Round	Federal Tax Court, Toronto	OBA
	10:30 am	Law in the Community	Toronto Police Headquarters Toronto, modules sent for local programming	Toronto Community Partnership/ OBA
	5:00 pm	Great Debate & Reception	Toronto	OJEN/LSUC

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	7:00 to 8:00 pm	AM 1220 Radio Call-In Show: Question and Answer Period	Cornwall	OBA
Thursday, April 16 (LAW DAY)	Throughout the day	French & English Supreme Court of Canada & Federal Court of Canada Tours	Ottawa, Wellington Street	OBA
	Throughout the day	Mock Trial Demonstrations and Question and Answer Periods	Kitchener Polish Legion Hall located at 601 Wellington St. N	OBA
	9:00 to 10:00 am	AM 1220 Radio Call-In Show: Question and Answer Period	Cornwall	OBA
	8:30 am to mid afternoon	Secondary School Mock Trial Tournament Semi-Final and Final Rounds	361 University Ave, Toronto teams province-wide come to Toronto	OBA
	9:00 am to mid afternoon	Court Tours	Toronto, Hamilton, Cornwall, Windsor, Kitchener, Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, ...	Crown Attorneys/ OBA
	9:00 am onwards	Secondary School Mock Trial Demonstration & Career Panel	Ottawa, Albert Street Education Centre, 440 Albert St.	OBA
	9:30 am to 2 pm	La Journée du droit	Ottawa, Collège catholique Samuel-Genest	AJEFO
	10:00 am	Special Citizenship Ceremony	OBA Conference Centre Toronto	OBA
	2:00 to 5:00 pm	Phone-a-Lawyer	Cornwall Hamilton Hawkesbury Kapusksing London Mississauga Orangeville Orléans Ottawa Pembroke Petawawa Renfrew Sarnia Simcoe Toronto	OBA
	5:30 pm	Great Debate	Ottawa	OJEN
	5:30 pm	Law Day Closing & Awards	OBA Conference Centre Toronto	OBA
Friday, April 17	Throughout the day	Aboriginal Youth Justice Conference	University of Toronto Faculty of Law	OJEN
	Various times	Poster Challenge	Various locations	OJEN
Monday, April 20	Half-day programs: 9:00 to 11:30 am 12:30 to 3:00 pm	So You Think You Can Sue	OBA Conference Centre Toronto. Program and modules sent province-wide	OBA
Wednesday, April 22	9:30 am to 2 pm	La Journée du droit	Welland, École secondaire Confédération	AJEFO
Thursday, April 23	7:30 pm	Breaking Barriers Panel Discussion	Niagara Falls Niagara Falls Public Library, 4848 Victoria Ave.	LAO/OBA
Friday, April 24	12:30 pm	5K Law Day Charity Fun Run/Walk	Ottawa, 161 Elgin Street	OBA
Wednesday, April 29	9:00 am to 2:30 pm	LEAF in Action: Keeping Equality Rights Real	OBA Conference Centre - Toronto	LEAF/OBA
	7:30 pm	Breaking Barriers Panel discussion	Grimsby - Grimsby Seniors Centre 18 Livingston	LAO/OBA
Various dates throughout Law Week and mid-April	Various times	Law Day Ontario - Law Day programming support by the OBA	Various locations: schools, community centers, legal assistance centers and clinics	OBA