

International Legal Aid Group Conference Ottawa Art Gallery, Ottawa, Canada 17-19 June, 2019

Monday 17th June

- 12.00 - 12.30 pm **Registration**
- 12.30 - 1.30 pm **Opening ceremony**
Welcome Remarks & Introduction
The Honourable David Lametti –
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Charles Harnick – Chair, Legal Aid Ontario (to be confirmed)
Professor Alan Paterson – Chair, International Legal Aid Group
- 1.30 - 2.30 pm **National reports**
Overall summary : Peter van den Biggelaar
- 2.30 - 3.30 pm **Session One**
Pro Bono
Catherine P Coulter. Pro bono in Ontario
Trevor Farrow. Lawyers and the future of Access to Justice
- 3.30 - 3.45 pm **Tea/Coffee**
- 3.45 - 5.15 pm **Session Two**
**Approaches to legal aid in Canada:
Serving diverse needs from coast to coast to coast**
David McKillop: Project Rosemary
Nick Summers and Megan Longley: Legal aid models in Canada
Karen Wilford: The challenges in services remote and rural
communities
- 7:00 pm **Reception and Dinner – Museum of History**

Tuesday 18th June

- 9:00 - 10.45 am **Session Three**
Helping the Unrepresented
Bonnie Hough: Can Technology improve Access to Justice in the Courts?
Rosemary Hunter and Liz Trinder: Judges on Judgecraft
Christopher Griffin: Introducing Randomized Experiments to improve Civil Legal Aid Services
Nye Thomas and Ryan Fritsch: AI and Automated Decision-Making: Impact on Access to Justice and Legal Aid
- 10.45 am - 11 am **Tea/Coffee**
- 11.15 am - 1 pm **Session Four**
Exploring Gaps in provision for Vulnerable People
Ab Currie: The bar has been set higher for addressing unmet need. How do we move on from here?
Yu Shan: Data for Social Good: Developing an Evidence-Based Approach to Locate Legal Demand for Strategic Thinking
Madhurima Dhanuka: Leaving No One Behind
- 1:00 - 2.00 pm **Lunch**
- 2.00 - 3.30 pm **Session Five**
Holistic provision: The Way of the Future?
Hazel Genn: When Law is Good for Health
Suzie Forell: The impact of legal help beyond Access to Justice: learning from Health Justice Partnerships
Michelle Leering: Justice and Health Partnerships in Ontario
- 3.30 - 3.45 pm **Tea/Coffee**
- 3.45 - 5.15pm **Session Six**
Innovative approaches to questions of cost and affordability
Paul Prettiore: Access to Justice as a Dimension of Poverty: Making an Impact?
Bilal Siddiqi and Justin Sandefur: Delivering Justice to the Poor: Experimental Evidence from Liberia
John Boersig: Distributing the Legal Aid Dollar – Effective, Efficient and Quality Assured?
Anna Barlow: The importance of structure and context in legal aid comparisons – a study in North-West Europe
- 6.15 pm **Reception – Supreme Court of Canada
Followed by Dinner at nearby restaurant**

Wednesday 19th June

- 9:00 - 10.45 am **Session Seven**
Quality
Alan Paterson and Avrom Sherr: Does peer review raise standards?
Annika Holterof: Quality Assurance on the Global Stage
- 10.45 - 11.15 am **Tea/Coffee**
- 11.15am - 1:00pm **Session Eight**
Technology and Access
Roger Smith: Access to Justice and Technology: no Killer App
Sherry MacLennan and Earl Johnson: Digital Delivery Issues
Rebecca Sandefur: A Thousand Flowers Bloom Unnoticed: What Makes Legal Technologies for Access to Justice Used and Useful?
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm **Lunch**
- 2:00 - 3.45 pm **Session Nine**
SDG 16.3 and the Legal Aid at the early stages
Vicky Kemp: Early arrest, early release: prejudicing the right to freedom
Shahin Alii: Early Access to Legal Aid for Suspects in Custody – the Fiji experience
Hennie van As: Admission of guilt and criminal record: Severe enough to warrant legal aid?
- 3.45 - 4.00 pm **Closure**
Alan Paterson: Where Next?