

International Legal Aid Group (ILAG) Conference

Ottawa, Canada

17-19 June 2019

Legal Aid as Public Service: Is it Achievable?

Monday 17 June

12.00 - 12.30 pm **Registration**

12.30 - 1.30 pm **Welcome & Introduction**

Charles Harnick – Chair, Legal Aid Ontario

The Honourable David Lametti – Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada

Professor Alan Paterson – Chair, International Legal Aid Group

1.30 - 2.30 pm **National reports**

Tomoki Ikenaga: Japan

Clair Carlton-Hanciles: Sierra Leone

Oleksii Boniuk: Ukraine

Peter van den Biggelaar: Overall Summary

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 **Break**

3.45 - 5.15 pm **Session Two — Legal aid in Canada: Diverse needs from coast to coast to coast**

David McKillop: Project Rosemary

Nick Summers & Megan Longley: Legal aid models in Canada

Karen Wilford: Delivering Legal Aid Services in Canada's Arctic: an Exercise in Understanding Intersections

7:00 pm **Reception and Dinner — Museum of History**

Tuesday 18 June

9:00 - 10.45 am **Session Three — Helping the Unrepresented**

Bonnie Hough: Can Technology improve Access to Justice in the Courts?

Christopher Griffin: Lessons from the Field: Conducting Randomized Experiments to Improve Civil Legal Aid Services

Nye Thomas & Ryan Fritsch: AI and Automated Decision-Making: Impact on Access to Justice and Legal Aid

10.45 am - 11 am **Break**

11.15 am - 1 pm **Session Four — Exploring Gaps in Provision for Vulnerable People**

Ab Currie: Building a delivery approach based on outreach: Lessons learned from two legal aid-community partnerships

Yu-Shan Chang: Data for Social Good: Developing an Evidence-Based Approach to Locate the Potential Need for Strategic Planning

Madhurima Dhanuka: Leaving No One Behind: Access to Justice and Legal Aid Strategies in India

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

Michele Leering: Justice and Health Partnerships in Ontario

Frederike Diersen: Redesigning legal aid in the Netherlands: sustainable solutions for legal problems

3.30 - 3.45 pm **Break**

3.45 - 5.15pm **Session Six — Innovative approaches to cost and affordability**

Paul Prettitore: Access to Justice as a Dimension of Poverty: Making an Impact?

Bilal Siddiqi & Justin Sandefur: Delivering Justice to the Poor: Experimental Evidence from Liberia

John Boersig & Romola Davenport : 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 3 Brewers restaurant

Wednesday 19 June

9:00 - 10.45 am **Session Seven — Quality**

Alan Paterson & Avrom Sherr: Does Peer Review raise standards?

Guido Schakenraad : Quality, transparency and politics.

Anika Holterhof: Quality Assurance on the Global Stage

10.45 - 11.15am **Break**

11.15am - 1pm **Session Eight — Technology and Access**

Roger Smith: Law, Technology and Access to Justice: Where are we now?

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 Access to Legal Aid at the early stages**

Vicky Kemp: Using technology to improve suspects' understanding of their legal rights

Shahin Ali: Early Access to Legal Aid for Suspects in Custody – the Fijian experience

Hennie van As: Admission of guilt and criminal record: enough to warrant legal aid?

3.45 - 4.00 pm **Closure**

Alan Paterson: Where Next?