

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1 – Thursday November 16, 2006

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome:** Paul Schabas, Chair, PBLO Board of Directors; Marina Pratchett, Chair, PBLBC Board of Directors
Opening Remarks: The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, Chief Justice of Ontario
- 9:30 a.m. **Plenary 1:**
Building Bridges to Justice: Partnerships and Community Development
Moderator: Sandy Houston, President, John Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation
Speakers: Rob Collins, Blake Cassels & Graydon; Geoff Cape, Evergreen Canada; Michael Barrack, McCarthy Tetrault LLP; Catherine Goulet, Regent Park Neighbourhood Initiative; Bill Kelly, Ashoka International
Pro bono has always played an important role in linking the legal profession with individuals and communities in need. In this plenary we examine the ways the legal profession can build bridges to justice, particularly the dynamic opportunities that arise when law firms partner with local community groups to effect broad social change. In addition, we are following this plenary with the first networking session of the conference.
- 10:45 **Meet and Greet**
Building on the first plenary, PBLO and PBLBC are pleased to host a special networking session for law firms to meet Ashoka Canada Fellows and other community groups to learn about local pro bono opportunities.
- 11:15 a.m. **Concurrent Workshops 1:**
A. Using Technology to Address Rural and Remote Needs
B. Government Pro Bono: Opportunities and Best Practices
C. Law Firm Pro Bono: Models for a Business Law Practice
D. Global Pro Bono Opportunities
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
Speaker: The Honourable Michael Bryant, Attorney General of Ontario
- 2:00 p.m. **Concurrent Workshops 2:**
A. Pro Bono Policy Development and Best Practices for Large and Mid-sized Firms
B. Discrete Service Pro Bono Programs
C. Pro Bono Children's Projects
- 3:15 p.m. **Afternoon Tea**
- 3:30 p.m. **Plenary 2:**
Pro Bono in the Canadian Context
Moderator: Paul Schabas
Speakers: The Honourable Stephen Goudge, Ontario Court of Appeal; Susan

Billington, Law Society of Alberta; Marina Pratchett, Q.C., Pro Bono Law British Columbia

5:00 p.m. **Conference Adjourns for the Day**

Dinner and Awards Ceremony

6:15 p.m. **Shuttle bus departs from Metropolitan Hotel to Distillery District**

6:30 p.m. **Cocktail Reception**

7:00 p.m. **Dinner and Canadian Pro Bono Awards Ceremony**

Welcome: Paul Schabas

Awards Presentation: The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, Chief Justice of Ontario

Keynote Address: David W. Scott, Q.C.

10:00 p.m. **Approximate conclusion**

Shuttle bus departs from Distillery District to Metropolitan Hotel

Day 2 – Friday November 17, 2006

8:30 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **Plenary 3:**

Pro Bono and Legal Aid: Why We Need Each Other

Moderator: Hon. Stephen Goudge, Ontario Court of Appeal

Speakers: Mark Benton, CEO, Legal Aid British Columbia; Janet Leiper, Chair, Legal Aid Ontario; Steve Scudder, Director, ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service for Pro Bono and Public Service, American Bar Association.

10:00 a.m. **Concurrent Workshops 3:**

A. Court-based Pro Bono Models

B. Law Association Partnerships with Legal Clinics and Community Groups

C. Law Student Pro Bono

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Pro Bono Market Place – A networking opportunity for practitioners and leading advocates from a wide range of public interest practice areas. This is an excellent opportunity to forge new relationships and partnerships and identify new initiatives.

2:00 p.m. **Conference Conclusion**