### PROGRAM

### **2015 OJEN**



City Hall, 500 Donald St E, Thunder Bay





## **ABOUT OJEN**

The Ontario Justice Education Network is a non-profit, charitable organization that brings together leading institutions and individuals from the legal and education sectors to collaborate on initiatives designed to foster public understanding of the justice system. With the commitment of hundreds of volunteers, including judges from all levels of the courts, members of the bar, the Crown Attorney's office, court staff, legal aid clinics, law schools, teachers, and community representatives, OJEN reaches thousands of youth across the province each year.

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### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

	Evening Keynote Address Paterson Auditorium, PACI Building, 401 Red River Rd, Thunder Bay
7:00 <sup>PM</sup> –9:00 <sup>PM</sup>	TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: Exploring Pathways to Healing Through the Law Nishnawbe Aski Nation's Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox





### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	REGISTRATION (coffee and baked goods will be available) McNaugton Room, 3rd floor, City Hall, 500 Donald St E
9:00 <sup>AM</sup> –9:15 <sup>AM</sup>	<b>Welcome</b> The Honorable Justice Bruce Fitzpatrick, Superior Court of Justice, Thunder Bay
9:15 <sup>AM</sup> –10:15 <sup>AM</sup>	You and the Blue: Your Rights with Respect to Police Neil McCartney, Partner, Atwood Labine LLP; Tiffany Boisvert, Lawyer, Petrone Hornak Garofalo Mauro
10:15 <sup>AM</sup> - 11:15 <sup>AM</sup>	OJEN Courtroom and Classroom Activities Bryn Bamber, Project Leader, Ontario Justice Education Network
10:45 <sup>AM</sup> -1:00 <sup>PM</sup>	BREAK
11:00 <sup>AM</sup> – 12:00 <sup>AM</sup>	Preventing Wrongful Convictions  Monica Rodrigues, Law Student, Lakehead University's Bora Laskin Faculty of Law; Rachel Barksky, Lawyer, UBC Law Innocence Project
12:00 <sup>PM</sup> – 2:45 <sup>PM</sup>	LUNCH AND NETWORKING SESSION
12:45 <sup>PM</sup> -1:00 <sup>PM</sup>	WALK TO CONSOLIDATED COURTHOUSE - 125 Brodie St N
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1:00 <sup>PM</sup> – 1:30 <sup>PM</sup>	Tour of Thunder Bay's Consolidated Courthouse (meet in lobby) The Honorable Justice Bruce Fitzpatrick, Superior Court of Justice, Thunder Bay
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### 2015 SPEAKERS

#### **RACHEL BARSKY**

Rachel Barsky is a graduate of UBC's Allard School of Law. She has been involved with the UBC Innocence Project since April, 2011, when she was accepted into the Project as a student caseworker. Since that time, she has worked on the case of a man who has been in prison for 32 years; 22 years past his parole eligibility date. Ms. Barsky conducts investigation into the case and drafts materials such as affidavits and factums. Following graduation, Ms. Barsky clerked at the Alberta Court of Appeal under Justice Peter W. L. Martin. She then returned to Vancouver, where she works on various UBC Innocence Project matters as junior counsel, and practices criminal defence law. She is also a director and secretary-treasurer of the newly incorporated B.C. justice reform group, the Criminal Defence Advocacy Society (C-DAS).

#### TIFFANY BOISVERT

Tiffany Boisvert practices criminal and family law. Originally from North Bay, Ms. Boisvert moved to Thunder Bay for the opportunity to engage in legal work with our Aboriginal population. She has a long-standing interest in working with marginalized groups. Ms. Boisvert completed a bachelor's degree in Gender Equality and Social Justice at Nipissing University, and attended law school at McGill University in Montreal. She started her legal career with Legal Aid Ontario, and then moved to private practice with Petrone Hornak Garofalo Mauro in 2013.





#### **DEREK FOX**

Deputy Grand Chief Fox Derek Fox is an Anishinaabe father, lawyer, and an avid outdoorsman. He is from Bearskin Lake First Nation in the Treaty 9 territory. He was called to the Ontario bar in 2014 and practiced in the area of Civil Litigation with a focus on Aboriginal and Corporate/Commercial Law. He has a passion for his people, his territory, and for instilling a love of culture, sport, and Education in Anishinaabe Youth. He encourages young people to be focused and determined so they can reach the highest levels of Education possible. In August 2015, Derek was elected to be one of three (3) Deputy Grand Chiefs of the Nishnawbe Aski-Nation Executive. He currently remains a member in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada and also carries the portfolios of Education, Economic Development, Broadband, Environment and Sports and Recreation. In August 2015, Derek was elected to be one of three (3) Deputy Grand Chiefs of the Nishnawbe Aski-Nation Executive. He currently remains a member in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada and also carries the portfolios of Education, Economic Development, Broadband, Environment and Sports and Recreation.

#### JOHN GUTHRIE

His Worship John Guthrie was appointed to the bench August, 2005 in Thunder Bay. He previously had extensive experience in the financial and business sector. He has represented Northwestern Ontario on the board of the Association of Justices of the Peace for Ontario (AJPO); and was for seven years the provincial chair of the AJPO Bursary Committee, a bursary program for post-secondary education that is administered by the Ontario Judicial Education Network. Justice of the Peace Guthrie has previously volunteered for mock trial training for City of Thunder Bay crossing guards in 2007. He has also mentored other justices of the peace in various areas, such as dealing with video WASH court procedures. He has



a philosophy of life-long learning, and as such, is very interested in OJEN programming.

#### **ELIZABETH HEWITSON**

Elizabeth Hewitson graduated from Algonquin College's Paralegal Program in 2013. After graduation, she re-located to Thunder Bay where Ms. Hewitson and her partner Bob Tindall operate their own paralegal firm: Hewitson, Tindall and Associates (HTA Paralegal). She specializes in Highway Traffic Act matters, and appears in the Provincial Offences Court on a regular basis. She also provides assistance in the areas of small claims, landlord and tenant matters, and all other provincial offences matters as a licensee of the Law Society of Upper Canada. While in Ottawa for school, she began volunteering extensively for Lawyers Feed the Hungry and continues to volunteer for them in Thunder Bay. Prior to her career as a paralegal, Elizabeth obtained her diploma as a medical laboratory technician in 1999. She worked for a short time in the medical field as a phlebotomist, and then spent the next 11 1/2 years as a quality assurance laboratory technician.

#### SEBASTIAN GEORGE JOSEPH

Born in India, George emigrated to Canada in 1967 and has lived the "Canadian Dream." Mr. Joseph's career in law started prior to going to law school. In 1994, George was employed by the Ministry of the Attorney General as a provincial prosecutor. His duties would include prosecuting offences and conducting appeals under the Provincial Offences Act, Highway Traffic Act, Liquor License Act, and other provincial statutes. The Crown Attorney suggested that George attend law school and come back to work for them as an Assistant Crown Attorney and conduct criminal prosecutions.

Mr. Joseph then attended the University of Saskatchewan Faculty of Law in 1995 and graduated in 1998. Upon graduating the college



of law, George accepted employment at Petrone Hornak Garofalo Mauro as an articling student and has remained there ever since, becoming a partner in 2009 with a focus on criminal litigation. Mr. Joseph is a member of the Criminal Lawyers Association, a Council Member for the Ontario Bar Association, a Director on the Board of Directors for the Thunder Bay Law Association, and serves on the Executive for the William W Creighton Youth Services. He has cheated death by running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain.

#### **ROBERT KOZAK**

Rob Kozak is an Assistant Crown Attorney in the Thunder Bay Crown's Office. He has been practicing law since 1990, starting his legal career as a defence lawyer in Manitoba, before joining the Crown's Office in The Pas in 1998. He has been with the Ministry of the Attorney General since 2006. Mr. Kozak has a keen interest in enhancing community understanding of the law, is excited to be a presenter for this OJEN education opportunity.

#### **NEIL MCCARTNEY**

Neil McCartney (B.A. Hons 1999, LL.B. 2003, Queen's University; M. Phil 2000, University of Cambridge) articled at the Ottawa Crown Attorney's Office 2003-2004, and was called to the Ontario bar in 2004. He then returned to his home-town of Thunder Bay to practice with the firm of Atwood Shaw Labine, and is now a partner in the firm of Atwood Labine LLP, where he practices criminal litigation. He has appeared at all levels of Court in the province, including remote sittings of the OCJ at fly-in aboriginal communities along the Albany River and region. He chairs his local Law Association's annual criminal law seminar, and has contributed papers/articles/talks to The Lawyers Weekly, LSUC and Criminal Lawyers Association programs, and some grade 5 civics classes. His clever five-year-old daughter and two-year-old son often test his cross-examination skills.



#### **MONICA RODRIGUES**

Monica Rodrigues is a law student in her third year at the Lakehead's Bora Laskin Faculty of Law. She has always held a strong interest and passion for criminal law, specifically criminal defense work. Ms. Rodrigues worked at a criminal defense firm in Toronto her first summer and last summer was chosen as one of AIDWYC's Summer Fellow Students, At AIDWYC she was able to assist with various projects to raise awareness about Wrongful Convictions throughout Ontario. Ms. Rodrigues has secured an articling position at a criminal defense firm in Toronto starting August 2016. She also won the Trial Advocacy Competition last year and in doing so secured a spot on the Faculty of Law's Mooting Team. She will be competing for the Sopinka Cup this upcoming February.

#### **DAVID WHITE**

Constable David White routinely and confidently gives evidence in Ontario Provincial Court as an officer of the Ontario Provincial Police. He started policing in the far north in 1994 in Poplar Hill and Pikangikum First Nation Territories. Three years later, he joined the OPP, and from 1997 to 2007 he worked out of the Ignace detachment. While there, he was involved in several Canada-wide warrant captures, stolen vehicle investigations and recoveries, drug interdictions, with numerous fatal motor vehicle investigations each year. In 2007, a specialized unit for the OPP known as the Highway Safety Division (HSD) was introduced in the Northwest Region. Mr. White was an original member. This unit is comprised of highly trained officers who specialize in traffic matters, conducting Criminal Code investigations, and Provincial Offences.





#### KATHERINE WILLIAMS-WARUK

Detective Constable Katherine Williams-Waruk has been a police officer for 23 years working in many different areas of the service which included neighborhood policing, where she conducted several school presentations uniform patrol. During this time Katherine has also worked in the Criminal Investigation Branch where she worked registering Sex Offenders on the Ontario Sex Offender Registry, executing DNA orders after offenders were convicted, and working on Homicides as the File Co-coordinator and Powercase entry person. Presently Katherine is working in the Cyber Crime Unit where she conducts Child Exploitation Investigations, Internet/Computer based crimes and online luring investigations.



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