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September 20 to 24, 2022

Harbourfront Marriott, Halifax, Nova Scotia

AGENDA

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** MATERIALS UPDATED September 22, 2022

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Registration** Annapolis Room adjacent to lobby

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM **Welcome Reception**

The Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

1055 Marginal Road, Halifax Waterfront

Nova Scotia Judges will assemble in the hotel lobby at 6 pm to start walking guests to Pier 21.

(Walking map attached)

A van will also be available to shuttle guests from the hotel lobby to Pier 21

8:00 PM - 1:00 AM **Hospitality Suite** Sable CD

(12:30 AM Last Call)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Halifax ABC
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Yoga on the Patio	Sable Room Patio
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration and Information Desk	Nova Scotia Ballroom
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Announcements/ Welcome	Nova Scotia Ballroom
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Opening Plenary:	Nova Scotia Ballroom
	The Right Honourable Richard Wagner Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada: <i>The Charter – 40 Year Anniversary</i>	
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Health Break	Nova Scotia Foyer
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Three Concurrent Sessions:	

Session One:	Nick Bala	Acadia AB without translation
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[Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases: A Good Addition to the Toolbox!](#)

There is a growing recognition of the importance of involving children in the family justice process, though the use of judicial interviews varies widely both between and within jurisdictions. Judges who meet children often find this valuable, and it can improve child outcomes. The presentation will provide advice on how judges can interview children. While judges need to consider when and how to do this, they do not require “hands on” training.

Session Two:	Janine Benedet	Nova Scotia AB with translation
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[Sexual Assault](#)

This presentation will consider (and propose solutions for) three fundamental problems that are the subject of current debate in appellate courts in relation to the law of sexual assault – the meaning of consent; the relationship of *mens rea* to the defence of mistake of fact; and how to apply common sense without stereotyping in the credibility assessment.

Session Three:	Justice James Stribopoulos	Nova Scotia CD with translation
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[Section 9 of the Charter](#)

This session will provide a concise overview of s. 9 of the *Charter*. That will include an explanation of the guarantee's purpose and the constituent elements of a s. 9 claim, including what constitutes a "detention" and when a detention will be considered "arbitrary" so as to violate the guarantee.

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM **Lunch** Halifax ABC

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM **Three Concurrent Sessions**

Session One: Nicole O’Byrne Nova Scotia AB
with translation

[*Ubi jus, ibi remedium: Section 24\(2\) of The Constitution Act, 1982*](#)

This session will explore the origin, purpose, and contemporary interpretative issues regarding Section 24(2) of *The Constitution Act, 1982*.

Session Two: Nick Bala Nova Scotia CD
with translation

[*Assessing the Competence & Credibility of Children:*](#)

Professor Nick Bala will summarize psychological literature and Canadian case law on the assessment of competence and credibility of child witnesses. This presentation is intended to help judges in criminal cases better understand the significance of how children are questioned, children’s communication and language abilities, memory and suggestibility, and children lying.

Session Three: Lisa Kerr Acadia AB
without translation

[*The impact of the Charter on sentencing*](#)

Lisa Kerr will explore the considerable impact that s. 12 of the Charter has had on limiting excessive state punishment, and the degree to which equality concerns and *Gladue* are constitutionally protected in the sentencing sphere.

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM **Health Break** Nova Scotia Foyer

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM **Three Concurrent Sessions:**

Session One: Steve Coughlan Nova Scotia AB
with translation

[*Forty Years of the Charter: What We Still Don’t Know*](#)

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Session Two:

Maria Dugas / Jonathan Rudin

Nova Scotia CD
with translation*Indigenous People and the Criminal Justice System*

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Session Three:

Rob Currie

Acadia AB
without translation*“Beware the ‘Unknown Unknowns’: Navigating Criminal Cases with Cross-Border Aspects”*

In this talk, Professor Currie will provide an overview of the various kinds of procedural and evidentiary issues that can arise in criminal cases that have cross-border aspects—essentially a “cheat sheet” for the increasingly frequent occasions when such issues can come up.

5:50 PM**Buses depart for the Shore Club Lobster Dinner**
Entertainment by Gordon Tucker

(Busses depart the Marriott Lobby Front Entrance and start returns to hotel at 9 PM)

10:00 PM – 1:00 AM

Hospitality Suite

Sable CD

(Last Call 12:30 AM)



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[Section 8 of the Charter](#)

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Session Two:

Justice James Stribopoulos

Nova Scotia CD
with translation[Section 10 of the Charter](#)

This session will provide a concise overview of subsections 10(a) and 10(b) of the *Charter*. The purpose of these guarantees, their requirements, and current issues surrounding their interpretation will be considered.

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2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Health Break	Nova Scotia Ballroom
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Closing Plenary and Wrap Up	Nova Scotia Ballroom

Justice Fairburn: *The Qualities of a Good Judge*

4:30 PM	Annual Assembly	Nova Scotia Ballroom
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[\(Delegates are required to attend – click for AGM agenda and linked materials\)](#)

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Pre-dinner Cocktails	Nova Scotia Ballroom
6:30 PM	President’s Dinner	Nova Scotia Ballroom
10:00 PM – 1:00 AM	Hospitality Suite	Sable CD

(Last Call 12:30 AM)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Halifax AB
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	NSPJA Annual Meeting	Nova Scotia CD

With thanks for your support of CAPCJ initiatives,

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

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The Honourable Judge A. Peter Ross
The Honourable Judge Alanna Murphy
The Honourable Judge Alain Begin
The Honourable Judge Jean Whalen
The Honourable Judge Ted Tax
The Honourable Ann Marie Simmons

And the many judges of the Nova Scotia Provincial Court and others across Canada whose assistance has been invaluable over the past few years of planning CAPCJ 2020 come 2022.