

**2008 AD IDEM/CANADIAN MEDIA LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE (OTTAWA)
NOVEMBER 6-8, 2008
CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL**

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 6, 2008

1. **Board Meeting – Gowlings (3-5 pm)**
2. **Cocktail Party Sponsored by Gowlings – Home of Rick Dearden and Wendy Wagner**
(6-8 pm) 280 Second Avenue

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 7, 2008

- I. **LIBEL – 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM (Chairs: Rick Dearden/Dan Burnett)**
1. **Continental Breakfast** (8:00 am)
2. **Opening of Conference** (9:00 am – 9:30 am)
Paul Schabas - President
Guest Speaker – Chief Justice McLachlin
3. **Media Law Update – Top 5 Developments** (9:30 am – 9:45 am)
Brian Rogers/Paul Schabas
4. **Qualified Privilege and The Public Interest Responsible Journalism Defence** (9:45 am – 11:00 am)

Speakers: Rick Dearden
 Christian Leblanc
 Mark Stephens
5. **Coffee Break** (11:00-11:15 am)
6. **Libel Chill On The Hill** (11:15 am –12:30 pm)

Chair: Paul Schabas
Speakers: David Scott
 Bill Kaplan

II. LUNCH – (12:30 pm–1:30 pm) – sponsored by Chubb Insurance

III. LIBEL – (cont'd)

7. The New Fair Comment Defence (1:30 pm – 2:30 pm)

Rafe Mair v. Kari Simpson – the Supreme Court of Canada expands the fair comment defence

Speakers: Dan Burnett
Brian Rogers

IV. PRIVACY AND SECRECY – 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm (Chairs: Peter Jacobsen/Brian Rogers)

Privacy – latest developments - U.K. (Mark Stephens)
- Ontario (Peter Jacobsen)

Confidential Sources - *National Post* (Peter Jacobsen; Dan Henry)
- *Ken Peters* (Brian Rogers)

Coffee Break

Bail Hearing Bans – s.517 *Criminal Code* - *R. v. White* (Matt Woodley)
- *R. v. Toronto Star* (Paul Schabas)

Confidential Evidence – s. 38 *Canada Evidence Act* - *Abdul Khadr* (Peter Jacobsen)
- *Omar Khadr* (Peter Jacobsen; Paul Schabas)

Witness Protection/Confidential Informant - Ottawa murder case
(Rick Dearden; Peter Jacobsen)

Sealing Orders - *Hollinger* (Peter Jacobsen)
- Ontario treatment of s. 486.4 *Criminal Code* bans (Tony Wong)

V. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (5:00 pm)

VI. DINNER – THE METROPOLITAN (700 Sussex Drive)

6:30 pm cocktail reception sponsored by Media/Professional Insurance and Axis Insurance

7:30 pm – dinner

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 8, 2008

I. NEW MEDIA - PERILS OF THE INTERNET (9:00 am – 10:45 pm) Chairs: Dan Henry/Nancy Rubin

1. **Continental Breakfast** (8:00 am)

2. **Keynote Speaker – Professor Michael Geist** (9:00 am – 10:45 am)

Commentary from U.K. and U.S.A. – Mark Stephens and Jane Kirtley

3. **Coffee Break** (10:45 am – 11:00 am)

II. IMPACT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH (11:00am – 12:30 pm) Chair: Dan Henry

Speakers: Julian Porter
 Mark Freiman
 Ezra Levant