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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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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017



AGENDA

- 8:15-8:30 **Registration & Coffee**
- 8:30 – 9:00 **Welcoming Remarks**
Dean Angelique EagleWoman, Lakehead University, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law;
Jessica Reekie, Executive Director, OJEN
- 9:00 – 10:00 **Landlord and Tenant 'Nuts & Bolts'**
Rodi-Lynn Rusnick-Kinisky, Senior Review Counsel, Lakehead University,
Community Legal Services, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law
Shakiba Azimi, Second Year Law Student, Student Caseworker, Lakehead
University, Community Legal Services, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law
- 10:00 – 10:15 **BREAK**
- 10:15 – 11:15 **Introduction to the Indigenous People's Court in Thunder Bay**
Mary Bird, Area Director, Legal Aid Ontario, Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services
- 11:15 – 12:00 **Career Pathways**
A/Detective Sergeant Alana Morrison; Nishnawbe-Aski Police Services
Krystyn Ordyniec, Falconers LLP;
Robert Kozac, Assistant Crown Attorney, Ministry of the Attorney General
- 12:00 – 12:45 **LUNCH**
- 12:45 – 1:15 **FAIR PLAY: Using OJEN's Access to Justice Game in the Classroom**
Erica Marcassa, Justice Education Fellow, OJEN
- 1:15 – 2:45 **KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE**

2:45 – 3:00 BREAK

3:00 – 4:30 **Human Trafficking**
Fiona Jack, Covenant House Toronto

4:30 **Distribute Resources**

2017 SPEAKERS

SHAKIBA AZIMI

Shakiba completed her Bachelor of Science in Honours Chemistry at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. During her undergraduate studies, through her engagement with student governance and community activism, she found a passion for advocacy that far surpassed her love for chemistry. As such, immediately after completing her chemistry degree, she chose to pursue a career in law and began her studies at the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law at Lakehead University in 2016. This past summer, she worked for the Lakehead University Community Legal Services and served low-income individuals in Northern Ontario in various fields of law, under the supervision of staff lawyers. She assisted and represented clients with respect to minor criminal offences, quasi-criminal provincial offences, residential tenancy disputes, Small Claims Court disputes, and drafting of Wills and Powers of Attorney. Currently, she is continuing her work with the legal clinic as one of the second-year law students enrolled in the clinic course. Upon graduation, she hopes to pursue a career in criminal or Aboriginal law and would like to continue her work in serving low-income and marginalized individuals.

MARY BIRD

Mary Bird is the Area Director for Legal Aid Ontario, Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services.

FIONA JACK

Fiona Jack does prevention work with Covenant House Toronto, Canada's largest agency serving at-risk, homeless, and trafficked youth. Combining a decade of experience as an educator and leadership developer with a passion for social justice, Fiona delivers workshops to youth and adults throughout the GTA to help increase awareness, develop compassion, and safeguard communities.

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise (KBE) is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history we are rarely taught. Developed in response to the 1996 Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, which recommended education on Canadian-Indigenous history as one of the key steps to reconciliation, the Blanket Exercise covers over 500 years of history in a one and a half hour participatory workshop.

ROB KOZAK

Rob Kozak has been practicing law since 1991 and is an Assistant Crown Attorney at the Thunder Bay Crown's Office. Bright, but lacking motivation in high school, he was fortuitously "woodshedded" by his principal to stick with university entrance courses, which resulted in achieving university degrees that

allowed him to become a lawyer. He has experience with criminal defence, civil and family litigation, but his true passion is prosecuting, which he has been doing since 1998.

ALANNA MORRISON

Alana Morrison started her (then) chosen career in Nursing at Lakehead University in 2000 while working part-time at a Solvent Abuse Treatment Center as a Medical Assistant. She decided two years into Nursing that this was not the route she wanted to go. In 2002, after completing Police Foundations at the Toronto School of Business she was successful in applying to the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service. Detective Morrison graduated from the Ontario Police College in December of 2002 and was posted to the First Nation of Cat Lake. From there, Morrison was introduced and found her new passion in working with victims (mainly children) of sexual offences. Morrison has numerous accredited courses offered by the Ontario Provincial Police / Ontario Police College in relation to investigating offences against children, domestic violence, major case management and sexual assault. Morrison has investigated and been a part of numerous homicide investigations during her 15 years in First Nations Policing. Today, Morrison continues to investigate and specialize in interviewing children and young women and men involved in sexual offences. At any given time, she can be flown into one of the NAN communities to respond to and investigate any of the named offences. Morrison is also the Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System (ViCLAS) coordinator for both the Northwest and Central Region. Given her demanding job, Morrison still finds time to assist and train new officers coming into their new careers at the Nishnawbe-Aski Police.

KRISTYN ORDYNIEC

Krystyn Ordyniec is a graduate of the University of Windsor Law School where she earned her LLB along with her American JD from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Krystyn was called to the bar of Ontario in 2009. During her articles at Scarfone Hawkins LLP in Hamilton, Krystyn assisted senior partners in both the corporate and litigation departments of the firm. She continued practicing in Hamilton after she was called to the bar with a particular focus on commercial litigation and insolvency law. Krystyn has also consulted for clients in sports, healthcare, energy, software and payment systems. As Falconers LLP expands, Krystyn is excited to provide corporate support to existing clients and new clients alike. She was also admitted to the bar in New York State in 2013.

RODI-LYNN RUSNICK-KINISKY

After attaining her Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of Western Ontario, Rodi-Lynn returned home to Thunder Bay where she was engaged in private practice for nearly 15 years. While her primary focus was in business law and commercial litigation, she also had a general practice that allowed her to attend before various levels of the judicial system, administrative boards and tribunals. With a keen interest in leadership and teaching, Rodi-Lynn joined the Lakehead University Community Legal Services Clinic as the Senior Review Counsel in September 2015 where she oversees various civil files including residential tenancy matters, small claims court matters and the preparation of Wills and Powers of Attorneys for qualifying low-income individuals. Rodi-Lynn has also been active as a Clinical Instructor with the second year Civil Practice course within the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law where she is able to direct and evaluate second year law students on drafting correspondence and pleadings as well as on general advocacy skills.

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