

## Remembering the Past – Building the Future

### Biographies and Clip Summaries

#### *The Hon. Roy McMurtry*

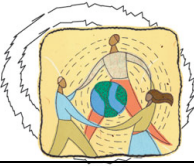
**Speaker Profile:** The Honorable Roy McMurtry, Q.C., is a member of Gowlings' advocacy department where he serves as counsel to the firm. He was the Attorney General for Ontario from 1975 to 1985. As Attorney General, he oversaw an unparalleled era of law reform in Ontario, including bilingualism in courts, multiculturalism, and family law reform. He was deeply involved in the patriation of the Canadian Constitution and the creation of the Charter of Canadian Rights and Freedoms. During that period he also served for four years as the Solicitor General for Ontario. In 1985, Roy McMurtry was appointed Canada's High Commissioner to Great Britain, a post which he held until late 1988. In 1991 he was appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Superior Court and then Chief Justice of Ontario, a capacity in which he served for over 11 years until May 30, 2007.

**Clip Summary:** In this clip, Mr. McMurtry introduces the panelists and briefly discusses the role of the state in combating hatred.

#### *Justice Harry LaForme*

**Speaker Profile:** Justice Harry LaForme is a member of the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation, Ontario. He received his LLB from Osgoode in 1977. After a brief time practicing corporate law, he began a private practice and concentrated on issues mainly involving aboriginal law, First Nations rights and the Charter. In 1989 he was appointed Commissioner of the Indian Commission of Ontario (ICO), and in 1991 was appointed Chair to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal land claims (ICC). From 1992 to 1993 he taught "Rights of Indigenous Peoples" at Osgoode Law School. In January 1994 he was appointed to Ontario Superior Court of Justice and in November 2004 was appointed to Ontario Court of Appeal.

**Clip Summary:** In this clip, Justice LaForme discusses the treatment of Aboriginal peoples before the passage of the Charter.



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### *Ray Moriyama*

**Speaker Profile:** Raymond Moriyama, who founded the architectural firm of Moriyama and Teshima in 1958, is a hero to many Canadians. His stories of being interned during the Second World War because of his Japanese heritage and his rise to become one of Canada's most respected architects continue to inspire. As described by architectural critic Trevor Boddy: "These early challenges gave him a strong character coupled with sensitivity, qualities that have come through in his architecture."

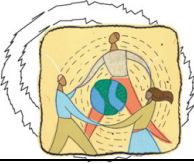
Ray Moriyama has applied his extraordinary vision and understanding to numerous projects including the Bata Shoe Museum, Bank of Montreal Institute for Learning, Saudi Arabian National Museum, Ontario Science Centre, Scarborough Civic Centre, Toronto Reference Library, Canadian Embassy in Tokyo and the Canadian War Museum. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario.

**Clip Summary:** In this clip, Mr. Moriyama identifies the irony of World War II. While the Canadian soldiers were fighting for human rights and liberty, the Canadian Japanese community was being deprived of them at home.

### *Justice Marshall Rothstein*

**Speaker Profile:** Justice Rothstein practiced in the areas of Administrative Law and Litigation, primarily Transportation and Competition Law. He was a labour and commercial arbitrator and an Adjudicator for the Manitoba Human Rights Act from 1978-1983. He was also a member of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal from 1986-1992. He appeared before federal and Manitoba Administrative Tribunals, Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, Manitoba Court of Appeal, Federal Court, Federal Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada. Justice Rothstein was a lecturer of Transportation Law at the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law from 1970-1983 and 1988-1992. He also lectured on Contract Law at University of Manitoba, Extension Department from 1970-1975 and at the Bar Admission Course of Law Society of Manitoba from 1970-1975. He was a Judge of the Federal Court of Appeal from 1999 to 2006, and was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada on March 1, 2006.

**Clip Summary:** Justice Rothstein reminds us of the example former Supreme Court Chief Justice Bora Laskin (1973-1984). He states that we must always be vigilant and always move forward.



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### *Hon. Jean Augustine*

**Speaker Profile:** Hon. Jean Augustine was appointed as the first Fairness Commissioner for the province of Ontario in March 2007. Ms. Augustine was born in Grenada and came to Canada in 1960. She attended the University of Toronto, where she earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education degrees. She was an elementary school principal with the Metropolitan Separate School Board in Toronto. From 1988 until 1993, she was chair of the Metro Toronto Housing Authority. Jean Augustine was the first African-Canadian woman to be elected to the House of Commons. Jean Augustine is a former National President of the Congress of Black Women of Canada. In March 2007, she was named Chair of the Ontario Bicentenary Commemorative Committee on the Abolition of the Slave Trade. She has been honoured by many organizations for her leadership and community involvement and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University of Toronto.

**Clip Summary:** In this clip, Ms. Augustine states that activism is important because it creates a climate for change and progress. She argues that being visible, being involved and speaking out are necessary tools in stopping complacency. She also reminds us that strong leadership and commitment are important.