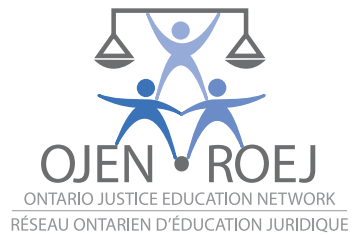


# Courtrooms & Classrooms

*A civil society through education and dialogue*



SPRING 2011

## Checking in on OJEN's Seven Year Plan

**N**ine years ago OJEN was launched with a mandate to contribute to a civil society through education and dialogue. Since that time, focusing on youth, we have developed programs and resources that clarify the way the justice system works,

The explosive demand for programs, which grows each year, and the limited resources available to deliver them, made it necessary for OJEN to take stock, define priorities and making clear plans for sustainable growth. In 2009, after months of consultation with



100 high school girls with Deena Ladd at OJEN's Trailblazers: Meeting Women in Law event commemorating Persons Day 2010.

emphasizing its vital role as a protector of individual and collective rights. We have promoted dialogue between disenfranchised communities and justice professionals, facilitating meaningful interactions that build mutual understanding. We have introduced young people to individuals on the forefront of social change and empowered them to make positive changes in their own communities too. Partnering with diverse organizations in every part of the province, we have responded to requests for programming tailored to the differing needs of each. In Ontario, with its diversity of language, ethnicity, values and beliefs, OJEN's justice education programs are helping to create an environment where people with competing ideas and interests feel welcome and equal.

stakeholders, OJEN's Board of Directors adopted a seven year plan which established priorities, strategies and outcomes to guide our planning to 2015.

In the past year we achieved milestones in each of the seven priority areas of our plan with the support of OJEN Committees around the province, hundreds of dedicated volunteers and numerous community agencies. OJEN programs and resources directly impacted more people than ever, approximately 260,000 youth, teachers and community workers in 2010.

Success is often measured by income statements or numbers on a chart so it is not

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# Celebrating OJEN's Justice Education Programming in 2010

The year 2010 was a good one for OJEN. Over 70,000 students had positive first encounters with the courts in Ontario through the *Courtrooms & Classrooms* program; approximately 600 secondary school teachers attended professional development sessions to enhance their understanding of justice issues; over 3800 students and youth developed advocacy skills while participating in mock trials, and nearly 500 youth workers received an introduction to the criminal justice system by attending a Navigating the Justice System workshop, to list but a few highlights. In addition, several new classroom resources were developed and added to the OJEN library. All told, over 86,000 children and youth participated in OJEN programs and about 100,000 students used OJEN print and DVD resources in their classrooms!

These programs were delivered by justice sector professionals who generously contributed over 24,000 pro bono hours of energy and expertise in every region of the province, led by OJEN Committees in each community. We applaud all of your dedication and hard work!

OJEN fosters collaboration among the judiciary, lawyers, justice sector institutions, court staff, educators, youth, community associations and others, demonstrating the innovation that can occur when we join forces across professional borders to address the needs of the community. We reiterate our commitment, as well as that of each of our courts, to teach the community about our system of justice.

The issues facing our communities are complex and challenging. By empowering citizens to be comfortable with the mechanisms of our democratic institutions, they can bring about positive change. This is critical to a healthy society. The investment we make in our children and youth to foster the attitudes, knowledge and skills necessary to become such empowered citizens is vital. We look forward to joining with you again this year to continue OJEN's important work.

**Warren K. Winkler**  
*Chief Justice of Ontario*



**Heather Forster Smith**  
*Chief Justice  
Superior Court of Justice*



**Annemarie E. Bonkalo**  
*Chief Justice  
Ontario Court of Justice*



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always easy to demonstrate OJEN's impact on a civil society, youth attitudes or democratic participation. On these pages you will find a combination of anecdotes, program rationale and participation statistics that provide a snapshot of our activities over the past year. However, it may be the words of this grade 5 student who participated in an OJEN Civil Mock Trial project that best exemplifies the impact of our work.

*"People need to talk over their problems and listen to each other's point of view. We need to make smart decisions for the rest of our lives! As adults, we should be prepared to become a real jury member in a real trial. As citizens of the world, we need to look out for each other and make sure that every day is a safe day!"*

I invite you to read through this issue and find out more about OJEN's strategic goals and the steps we have taken this year to achieve them. If you would like more information about any aspect of what we do or if you would like to become involved in our programs, we welcome hearing from you.

A blue ink signature of Sarah McCoubrey.

**Sarah McCoubrey**  
*Executive Director, OJEN*

# Promoting Civic Engagement

Promoting civic engagement as part of justice education exposes people to the role the justice system plays in an evolving democratic society. Inviting students to discuss legal issues and advocate for change, builds the skills and attitudes they need to participate in their communities as active citizens. OJEN's success in supporting Civics teachers through programs and classroom resources and its ongoing Active Citizens program, has led to interest from newcomer and other community organizations for Active Citizens programs beyond the classroom setting.

## Spotlight on Programs

### Profiling the Role of the Jury

The challenges to building a civil society differ from community to community. In Ontario's North West, one such challenge arises from mistrust or misunderstanding that sometimes occurs between Aboriginal people and the criminal justice system. The under representation of Aboriginal people on juries in Ontario has frequently been cited as a barrier to access to justice. Addressing this issue was the basis of an ambitious justice education program OJEN initiated with funding from the Department of Justice Canada, The Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Law Foundation of Ontario.

With support from the local bar, students at the Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School's Civics/Careers class in Thunder Bay took part in a mock jury trial program.



Students at the Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School are interviewed about their experience in the mock jury trial program.

### 2010 Milestones:

- 860 students across Ontario participated in the Charter Survey
- 75 Grade 10 students participated in Active Citizens workshops
- 60 students worked on in-class social justice projects
- Developed new Elementary School jury resources

Over six sessions, students learned about the court system with special emphasis given to the role of the jury. They also contrasted traditional sentencing circles with the conventional justice model. The program culminated with the students participating in a mock trial and a mock sentencing circle at the Thunder Bay Court House. Afterward, the students were interviewed in their own first language, Ojibway or Oji-Cree, about their experience participating on the jury. Upon the conclusion of the program, most of the students indicated a greater comfort with the criminal trial process, particularly the jury process and would consider sitting on a real jury in the future.

The film footage shot at the mock trial, sentencing circle and the interviews with students has been developed into an educational resource to promote understanding of the justice system and emphasize the importance of jury duty.

Here is how one student described the experience:

*"When we started the mock trial, you could tell everyone was nervous and excited. I found that participating in the mock trial was the most exciting thing I've done since I have been a student at DFC. I played a jury member and as we finished listening to the evidence that the lawyers and witnesses presented, we went into the deliberation room to discuss the evidence about the accused. Dylan Desmoulin was charged with assault causing bodily harm. Our job as a jury was to discuss whether Dylan was*

*guilty or not. The vote was 11 to 1 to find him not guilty. The others tried to change my mind but it didn't work. The result was a hung jury."*

# Addressing Emerging Needs

One of OJEN's strengths is its ability to respond to time-sensitive requests and adapt to changing needs of communities throughout the province. Working with a variety of partners, OJEN continued, in 2010, to tailor justice education solutions to the needs of specific groups while expanding programming and resources to new constituencies.

## Spotlight on Programs



courtroom trial of *Wendy Witch v. Hansel and Gretel*, with the help of two lawyers, Mr. Fogel and Ms. Heyens. All students were also reminded of how important it is to serve on a jury. We totally understand what happens when laws are broken, and understand how a court room works. This program connects to our study of Injustice and Justice. We need to make smart decisions for the rest of our lives! As adults, we should be prepared to become a real jury member in a real trial. As citizens of the world, we need to look out for each other and make sure that every day is a safe day!

*Jacob – Grade 5 student/mock trial court reporter*

## Elementary Civic Mock Trial Program

OJEN, in partnership with the Toronto Lawyers Association, followed up the successful pilot of the Elementary Civil Mock Trial Program in 2009 with a full year of programming in Toronto area schools. Seven schools took part in the program which exposes students to the role of the courts and the administration of justice in a civil society. It culminates in a mock defamation trial.

## Secord Takes the Stand!

At Secord Elementary School, all of the Grade 5s recently participated in a program run by the Ontario Justice Education Network. On November 22, 24 and 29, 2010 for full mornings, three law students, Ms. Slinger, Ms. Koppelman, Mr. Collins and the Kinley crew talked about laws. We all understand that defamation of character means that something negative has been heard or seen by more than one person. We also practiced and prepared roles for our

## OJEN's Educators' Advisory Panel Consulted on Recommendations to Ministry of Education

As a leading justice education provider, OJEN drew on its experience and expertise to make submissions to the Ontario Ministry of Education on its review of Canada and World Studies courses. The review provides an opportunity to consider changes in curriculum expectations in each subject area in the Canadian and World Studies department which includes Grade 10 Civics and Law at the Grade 11 and 12 levels.

Prior to making its submissions, OJEN held a consultation with its Educators' Advisory Panel, soliciting ideas and feedback on both the Ministry curriculum and OJEN's programs and resources. Among its recommendations, OJEN advocated for the inclusion of legal topics in more subject areas and grade levels, recognizing that students require basic understanding of justice issues as part of preparation for democratic participation.

## 2010 Milestones:

- 390 students participated in the Elementary Civil Mock Trial Program
- OJEN Educators' Panel consulted regarding OJEN programs and resources
- 12 Professional Development presentations for teachers
- Students from the Aamjiwnaang First Nation visited the Sarnia Courthouse and met Aboriginal justice professionals
- 32 Afghan refugees and their families participated in a family law mock trial
- 28 students in the Nishnawbe school in Thunder Bay completed a 6 week program on the role of the jury
- A 7 module resource on Police in Society was developed, and then adapted, to address students' questions arising after the G20
- 500 youth workers attended session on Navigating the Justice System, building their professional capacity
- 4 session for parents, explaining the youth criminal justice system were held

# Building on Strengths

Since it was established, OJEN has built a reputation for producing and delivering high quality programs and resources by utilizing the expertise of its justice and education sector volunteers. Promoting information and idea sharing through a centralized hub, OJEN supports regional committees and individuals initiate new programs based on templates and best practices. OJEN will continue to respond to new ideas and innovations and allow current successes to evolve in a timely, responsive way.

## Spotlight on Programs

### 2010 Milestones:

- 100,000 students and teachers used OJEN print and DVD resources
- 70,000 students visited courthouse
- 3,800 students and youth took part in mock trials
- 860 students answered the Charter Survey province wide
- 450 Ontario students entered a Charter Challenge
- 600 teachers attended OJEN's professional development sessions
- 12 regional committees offered OJEN programs throughout Ontario
- 1800 registrants in the Grade 5 Poster Challenge
- 75 students develop action plans in the annual Active Citizens program

## Evaluation Shows OJEN's Impact

Throughout 2010, Cathexis Consulting Inc. conducted an extensive evaluation of OJEN as part of the Law Foundation of Ontario's systematic evaluation of its flagship grantees. The evaluation was designed to assess the impact and effectiveness of OJEN's programming and its organizational strengths. OJEN staff took this as an opportunity to learn how to integrate evaluation techniques into their regular programming. The process included interviews with Board members and staff, surveys of OJEN stakeholders and a thorough review of all of OJEN's programs. The final report, nearly 200 pages in length, concludes:

- "OJEN is in good health, with a clear strategic direction, strong governance model, passionate and dedicated staff and Board and a good reputation for accomplishing what it sets out to do.
- OJEN programs are taking place in every judicial region of Ontario and are having a positive impact on teachers, students and youth who use them."

*Final Report – Cathexis Consulting Inc.*

OJEN will use the conclusions and recommendations from the report to plan for improvement and continuing growth.

## Fund Supports Longstanding and New Mock Trial Events Alike!

Mock trials are a staple justice education activity in some communities where there is longstanding participation of the bench and bar and a culture of friendly competition among local schools. In other cities, there are no mock trial events outside of the school. The LFO / OJEN Mock Trial Fund accepts applications from both established and new events and makes small grants to cover the cost of food, student transportation or logistical expenses. Over the three years of the fund, the number of competitions has grown, with Sarnia and Niagara introducing mock trial events into their communities. The Fund has also been able to reduce the operating expenses of some events by sharing good ideas generated in other cities. Most importantly, the fund has reduced or eliminated the cost to schools, ensuring that school or parental resources are not a prerequisite to student's opportunity to argue their first case before a judge. This year 16 mock trial competitions received grants from the fund and will share their photos, ideas and challenges with us so we can continue to improve this great learning opportunity.



*Students in Peel Region participate in a Mock Trial Tournament organized by the Peel Region OJEN Committee.*

# Involving Youth Strategically

OJEN's commitment to dialogue as a tool to strengthen civil society requires the meaningful involvement of youth. We work with youth to ensure their perspectives are reflected in our programming and their voices are included in dialogue about the justice system. Last year, through internships, co-op placements, community service requirements and honoraria, young people were involved in many aspects of the organization. Many more had opportunities to engage with members of the justice system.

## Seeking Input from Youth

For the past five years, OJEN has provided work and volunteer experiences for high school students. In the summer of 2010, four students worked in OJEN's office, providing administrative and program support and making important contributions to curriculum resource development.

Throughout his placement, Marcus, a LAWS student from Central Technical High School, provided significant input on OJEN's Police and Society Resource. After reviewing the modules, he made recommendations on how to make the language more appropriate to a high school audience. He also wrote several scenarios and classroom activities to include in the modules. Marcus' input helped OJEN present the issues around policing, which many youth identify as an obstacle to trusting the justice system, in a way they could find accessible. Student review, along with educator and lawyer review, is a part of the process of developing each of OJEN's curriculum resource and one reason these resources are sought out by teachers.

## Spotlight on Programs



OJEN Program Manager, Sylvia Seo, Executive Director, Sarah McCoubrey, with students Yifeng and Marcus

## New Board Position Filled by Youth



Jennifer Dang is a graduate of the first class of the LAWS program at Toronto's Central Technical School, a second year University of Toronto student and OJEN's youngest Board member. Jennifer joined the Board in January of 2010 after OJEN revised its bi-laws to add additional members. Currently Jennifer co-chairs the Programs Committee where her first hand experience as a participant in several OJEN programs is greatly valued.



Jennifer Dang

*"I was involved with OJEN for three years during high school. I was impressed with the goals and programs. When I was asked to consider becoming a representative on the board, I was very pleased to seize the position. I used to experience what OJEN does as a student and now I am helping to provide that experience to other youth. I think my contributions on the board will be beneficial because I can provide a youth perspective and input. As an active board member I will be able to provide my insight to direct OJEN's future."*

## 2010 Milestones:

- 1 high school co-op student
- 2 high school students completed community hour requirement
- 4 Youth panellists present at the Justice Education Symposium
- 3 Youth present at OJEN Network meeting

# Striving for Diversity

In 2009 the staff, Board and stakeholders committed to an expanded focus on issues of diversity both within OJEN, and the justice sector at large. OJEN continues to make connections with diverse communities, targeting programs to meet specific needs, providing experiential programs that build knowledge and confidence in the justice system and facilitating dialogue between the community and the justice sector to address negative perceptions and misunderstanding.

## Spotlight on Programs

### Partnering with Culturally Specific Organizations

OJEN responded to an invitation from the Ismaili Council of Ontario to provide a Mock Trial program for a group of Afghan refugee youth in June 2010. Twenty girls and sixteen boys worked with lawyer coaches to prepare for a family mock trial and a mock bail hearing. The program culminated with youth staging their mock hearings for each other and their families at the Brampton Court House. The Council was referred to OJEN by the Afghan Women's Association who had participated in the Mock Trial program the year before. The experience fosters self-confidence and advocacy skills while at the same time helping the youth and their families develop confidence in Canada's system of rights protection.



OJEN provides mock trial program for Ismaili Council of Ontario.

### 2010 Milestones:

- Created new positions on the Board of Directors to insure greater community representation
- Expanded staff compliment to include diversity in education, work experience and cultural background
- 468 youth workers attended Navigating the Justice System sessions
- Established new partnerships with: Black Female Lawyers Network, Black Law Students Association Canada, Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers, Ismaili Council of Ontario
- Trailblazers, Sistahs in Law, Wasse Abin Wikwemikong High School Law Symposium, introduced youth with historical barriers to careers in the justice system to career information in this field



Community youth workers and Student Success teachers attend a Navigating the Justice System workshop.

### Facilitating Discussions on Diversity in the Justice System

Navigating the Justice System Training Sessions for youth workers and student success teachers have brought front line staff and justice sector professionals together to discuss how youth in high risk communities understand the criminal justice system. Funded by a grant from the Department of Justice Canada, these workshops are designed to give community workers and student success teachers the basic information they need to better support youth who come into contact with the criminal justice system. They also provide a forum for discussion about the perceptions of racism in the justice system. Judges and lawyers, as well as the youth workers participating in the sessions, describe the candid conversations about diversity issues as one of the highlights.

*"I got to see first-hand that there exists professionals in the system who do care about youth of colour and work hard within the constraints of their job to assist these youth." – Community youth worker*

# Raising OJEN's Community Profile



Profiling the impact of OJEN's programming to a wider community helps to expand justice education in Ontario and the rest of Canada. New opportunities and partnerships arise as our successes become better known. By celebrating the contributions and leadership of those who are making a difference in the field of justice education, we highlight for the public and the profession, the significant role of OJEN's volunteers. Not only does OJEN benefit but all those who donate their time are recognized by their peers, employers and the public for their contributions to the larger community.

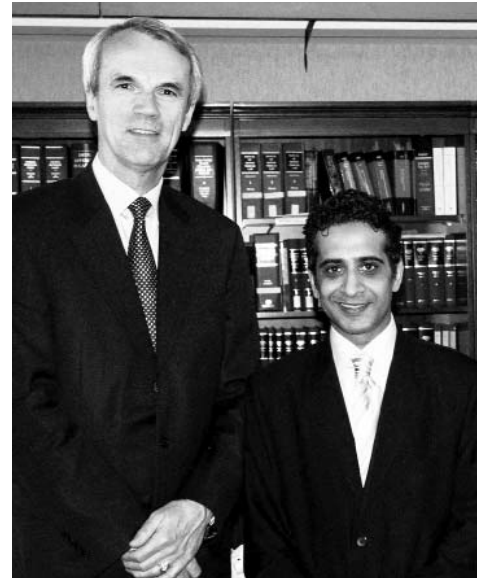


## Spotlight on Programs

### Susheel Gupta Receives Inaugural Lennox Award

The newly created **OJEN Lennox Award for Innovation in Justice Education in Ontario's East Region** was presented to Ottawa lawyer, Susheel Gupta at a ceremony presided over by former Chief Justice, Brian Lennox on April 15th 2010. This annual award was established in recognition for Justice Lennox' role as a founding director of the Ontario Justice Education Network and in recognition of his personal commitment to justice education in Ontario by the Ontario Conference of Judges.

Mr. Gupta was selected for the award based on his leadership role in promoting justice education in the Ottawa region through his work on both the Canadian Bar Association Law Day Committee and the Ottawa OJEN Committee.



### OJEN on the International Stage

In 2010 OJEN emerged onto the world stage, accepting invitations to present at two international conferences focussing on Public Legal Education.

Executive Director, Sarah McCoubrey was invited to present OJEN's model of justice education at a United Nations Development Program in Turkey in October 2010. Delegates from justice and education sectors came together to learn about ways to strengthen democratic participation in Turkey as part of its bid for membership in the European Union. A national curriculum is currently being developed based on OJEN's example.

Sarah also attended the 2nd Annual PLENET Legal Empowerment Conference, held in London, England. The conference brought together legislative bodies, NGO's, academics and researchers, legal and education professionals from throughout the UK to share their ideas and perspectives on the question, "How does PLE contribute to a culture of civil and social justice?" Sarah spoke about OJEN's model of experiential learning through enacting mock trials. She emphasized the value of improved skills and attitudes in addition to legal knowledge that resulted from this kind of education.

*"If long term improvements are to be achieved, we have to focus on legal education, more particularly legal education of youth. Thus, I urge [you] to come up with new ideas and solutions which will prompt changes regarding pro bono work. There is room for change. The betterment of our community is in your hands."*

The Honourable Marie Deschamps, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

### 2010 Milestones:

- 7,500 OJEN newsletters mailed to justice professionals in Ontario
- OJEN highlighted in the Lieutenant Governors' remarks at the Opening of Courts
- Local newspapers and television covered Mock Trial events across the province
- OJEN website revamped and re-launched in August
- 8 Art-in-the-Courts Grade 5 Student artwork hung in Ontario Court Houses
- 7 Association of Justices of the Peace Bursaries awarded throughout the province
- Chief Justices' Award presented to Grace Russell

# Enhancing Administrative Capacity

The ability to respond to increased demand for programs and resources requires a strong staff compliment and technology that helps them work efficiently. Within the parameters of its funding, OJEN has moved forward with strategic and sometimes innovative measures to support its growth.

## Spotlight on Programs



### 2010 Milestones:

- Completed a comprehensive organizational and programs evaluation
- Renovated Toronto office to create more work space
- Opened Thunder Bay office with support from the Ministry of the Attorney General
- Expanded to 14 staff
- Initiated on-line event registration system
- Provided internships, co-op placements, volunteer opportunities, and work experiences for:
  - 2 OISE pre-service teachers
  - 35 students from Osgoode Law School Public Interest Requirement
  - 4 Seneca College Accelerated Law Clerk program interns
  - 6 Pro Bono Students
  - 1 Windsor University Social Justice Fellowship
  - 1 York University student
  - 5 high school students

### OJEN Re-Launches Improved Website

OJEN's re-vamped website was launched in August with improvements that make searching for information and registering for programs easier. One significant impact of the change has been on the way OJEN's flagship program, *Courtrooms & Classrooms*, is administered. With over 70,000 students visiting court houses in communities throughout Ontario last year alone, the administration of the program falls to court staff at each location. The new online request form simplifies the process for both teachers and court staff. Teachers download lesson plans and court room protocol information at the same time they make their court visit request. Their completed form is automatically emailed to the responsible staff at the preferred location. This system allows court staff to better manage the time they devote to scheduling visits and also provides for more accurate reporting of program statistics.

To check out OJEN's website, go to [www.ojen.ca](http://www.ojen.ca).



Honourable R. Roy McMurtry and the Honourable Patrick LeSage at a staff training session in January 2011

# OJEN Recognition Awards

Each year, through its three awards, OJEN recognizes leadership in justice education. If you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to promoting public understanding, education or dialogue in support of a responsive and inclusive justice system please consider recommending them for one of these awards. Send their name and a brief description of the activities for which they deserve recognition to [awardsprix@ojen.ca](mailto:awardsprix@ojen.ca). OJEN staff will follow up for more details.

## Chief Justices' Award

Recognizing an Ontarian who has made an exceptional contribution to the furtherance of the Ontario Justice Education Network's objectives through activities including:

- Reaching under serviced communities
- Making important contributions to program delivery, research or evaluation
- Establishing effective partnerships or collaborations
- Developing important innovations

## Hux-Kiteley Exemplary Justice Educators' Award

Awarded annually to a educator in the province who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in the area of justice education. The criteria could include any combination of:

- Innovation in justice education
- Collaborative approaches to teaching about legal issues
- Promotion of democratic participation
- Leadership among peers in promoting justice education



Grace Russell, far left – 2010 Chief Justices Award Recipient with the 3 Chief Justices of the Ontario Courts

## Lennox Award for Innovation in Justice Education in Ontario's East Region

Recognizing an individual or group who has undertaken an innovative project or demonstrated a long standing commitment to justice education within Ontario's East Region in any of the following ways:

- Reaching under serviced communities
- Making important contribution to program delivery, research or evaluation
- Establishing effective partnerships or collaborations
- Developing important innovations



## Donate to OJEN

OJEN's programs and resources are making a positive impact on the lives of tens of thousands of youth throughout the province, from Constance Lake in the north to Windsor in the south and dozens of communities Ontario-wide.

You can help support OJEN's justice education initiatives by making a donation.

Donating is easy with Canada Helps online form. Visit [www.ojen.ca](http://www.ojen.ca) and click on the Canada Helps icon.

OJEN is a registered charitable organization (charitable tax number: 85548 9134 RR0001). Tax receipts are available for donations \$10 or more.

## Courtrooms & Classrooms Notice Board



*Madam Justice Fran Kiteley*

**Justice Fran Kiteley's** term as Chair of OJEN's Board of Directors expired at the Annual General Meeting in November 2010. One of the original OJEN Board members, she steered the organization through its first eight years of tremendous growth and will be greatly missed. Justice Gloria Epstein of the Court of Appeal for Ontario and Rob Mewhinney, Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association representative, became OJEN's new Co-Chairs. Justice Kiteley will continue

to speak regularly to students and participate in Toronto area OJEN programs.

**OJEN and the Law Foundation of Ontario** partnered for the third year to provide funding to mock trial programs throughout the province. This year 16 programs received grants to support tournaments and other experiential mock trial events.

2011 OJEN /LFO Mock Trial Fund Recipients:

Sudbury Mock Trial Competition, Peel Mock Trial Tournament, Thunder Bay Law Day Mock Trial, Judges' Cup – York Region Secondary School Mock Trials, Simcoe-Muskoka Mock Trial Programme, Oshawa Kelly Cup Mock Trial, Sarnia Ontario Court of Justice Advocacy Competition, Waterloo Association Secondary School Mock Trial Event, Halton Regional Mock Trial Tournament, Les Procès simulés d'Ottawa, Ottawa Experiential Mock Trial Event English, Toronto Mock Trial Tournament, Hamilton Justice Education Mock Trial.

**New resources on the OJEN website**, [www.ojen.ca](http://www.ojen.ca), include: *Everyday Law – Law for the Workplace Destined Student*, *Trial Fairness*, a 5 module resource examining contemporary issues of trial fairness, *Civil Law Mock Trial: Opolsky v. Pasha and Jaswal* and *Mock Criminal Law Scenario: R. v. Desmoulin*. Also available for order, *Mock Trial Demonstration DVD*, a how-to guide for teachers interested in staging a mock trial in the classroom for the first time. Teachers wishing to request a copy, please email your name and mailing address to [info@ojen.ca](mailto:info@ojen.ca).

## Upcoming Events

The spring session of OJEN's **Charter Challenge**, an online, Ontario-wide, appellate level Mock Hearing program runs from April 1-22. Deadline for teachers to register their classes is March 28th. For more information and to register, visit [www.ojen.ca](http://www.ojen.ca).

Celebrate **Law Week 2011!** Events take place throughout Ontario between April 11-15, delivered by OJEN, The Ontario Bar Association, Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario, The Law Society of Upper Canada, as well as local schools and law firms. Visit [www.oba.org](http://www.oba.org) for details.

OJEN's fifth annual **Justice Education Symposium** highlights resources and expertise of organizations who are successfully developing or delivering justice education programs for youth in partnership with schools. It will take place May 12 -13. To register, visit [www.ojen.ca](http://www.ojen.ca).

The annual **OJEN Summer Law Institute** for teachers takes place August 30 and 31. This two day professional development workshop for Ontario secondary school teachers brings them face-to-face with judges, lawyers and justice professionals at the forefront of current legal issues. Register online at [www.ojen.ca](http://www.ojen.ca).

*Courtrooms & Classrooms* is also available at [www.ojen.ca](http://www.ojen.ca)

*Salle d'audience et salle de classe* est aussi disponible en français.



### Mission:

OJEN is dedicated to promoting understanding, education and dialogue to support a responsive and inclusive justice system.

### Objectives:

1. Foster public understanding of the justice system and the challenges it faces.
2. Support and encourage the values of a public, transparent and accessible justice system through research and education.
3. Encourage dialogue between justice system participants and the public.
4. Develop, coordinate, or deliver justice education programs to students and others.

### Network

The Network is a collaborative forum serving as a communications and facilitation link for justice system participants, educators, community representatives and others with an interest in public legal educational activity. The Network has an advisory role to OJEN's Board and Executive Director. Participants include:

The Chief Justice of Ontario (Chair) – *The Hon. Warren K. Winkler*  
 The Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice – *The Hon. Heather Forster Smith*  
 The Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice – *The Hon. Annemarie E. Bonkalo*  
 The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada – *as represented by Mireille Provost*  
 The Deputy Attorney General of Ontario – *Murray Segal*  
 The Deputy Minister of Education – *Kevin Costante*  
 The Chair of the Law Foundation of Ontario – *Mark Sandler*  
 The Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada – *Laurie Pawlitza*  
 The President of the Advocates' Society – *Marie T. Heinen*  
 The President of the County & District Law Presidents' Association – *Robert Zochodne*  
 The President of the Ontario Bar Association – *Lee Akazaki*  
 The Ombudsman of Ontario – *André Marin*  
 The Chair of Legal Aid Ontario – *John McCamus*  
 The President of the Ontario History & Social Science Teachers' Association – *Rob Mewhinney*  
 The Executive Director of Community Legal Education Ontario – *Julie Mathews*  
 The Education Director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Education Trust – *Danielle McLaughlin*  
 The Executive Director of the Association of Community Legal Clinics of Ontario – *Lenny Abramowicz*  
 The Institute for Catholic Education – *as represented by Angelo Bolotta*  
 The President of the Ontario Principals' Council – *Doug Morrell*  
 The Executive Director of the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres – *Sylvia Maracle*  
 The ESL/ELD Resource Group of Ontario – *as represented by Neil McGrath*  
 The Ontario Council of Law Deans  
 The Executive Director of the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants – *Debbie Douglas*  
 The President of the Association of French Speaking Jurists of Ontario – *Claude Lacroix*  
 The Ontario Business Educators' Association – *Agi Mete*

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