

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A – PANEL ON JUSTICE AND THE MEDIA TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Purpose

The Ontario Panel on Justice and the Media will suggest ideas for improving understanding and operations between the media and the justice system. It will do so by presenting suggestions, best practices or guidelines.

2. Objectives

The relationship between the justice system and the media is in need of review to consider ways and means to modernize it while still respecting the appropriate roles and responsibilities of each.

The challenges of a 21st century relationship include:

- To determine if the **roles and responsibilities** of those involved reflect values that are suitable to a modern justice and media environment – with careful regard for legitimate functions and necessary standards;
- To identify ways to **improve mutual understanding** between participants in the justice system and those working in the media;
- To encourage broad **public access to information** about justice beyond those individuals who are directly involved in cases;

- To look at the **underlying policies and practices** in both sectors to see that they optimally reflect values that respect justice, the media and the public;
- To consider the unique issues and opportunities presented by conducting the business of justice and communications in an **electronic age**;
- To address **special requirements** when dealing with the justice system and children and communities at risk.

3. Members of the Panel

The Ontario Panel on Justice and the Media was established by Attorney General Michael Bryant in January 2005 with the intention of bridging the gap between the media and the justice system. The Panel brings together members of the media and participants in the justice system. The Panel includes:

- Chief Paul Hamelin, Past President, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police;
- John Honderich, Former Publisher, Editor and Reporter for the Toronto Star;
- Paul Lindsay, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Law Division, Ministry of the Attorney General;
- Justice James MacPherson, Court of Appeal for Ontario;
- Trina McQueen, Broadcaster and Journalist, Professor of Broadcast Management, Schulich School of Business, York University;
- Ralph Steinberg, Past President, Criminal Lawyers' Association;
- Benjamin Zarnett, Past President, The Advocates' Society.