

JUSTICE ON TARGET EXPERT ADVISORY PANEL

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Justice on Target is the province's strategy to reduce delay in Ontario's criminal courts. It was launched on June 3, 2008.

Ontario will achieve faster, focused justice by targeting 30 per cent reductions in the provincial average of days and court appearances needed to complete a criminal charge. The province plans to meet its target in four years.

The government has named a group of authorities in the criminal justice system to an Expert Advisory Panel to provide advice to the *Justice on Target* strategy partners including the Implementation Team.

THE PANEL**The Honourable Peter D. Griffiths**

Associate Chief Justice Peter D. Griffiths received his degree in law from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1974 and was called to the Bar in 1976. After three years in private practice he joined the Crown Attorney's Office in Toronto in 1979, was appointed Crown Attorney in 1989 and was appointed Regional Director of Crown Operations for the East Region of Ontario in 1993. In 1998 he was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice, and presided primarily in Brockville and Ottawa. In 2005, His Honour was appointed Regional Senior Justice of the East Region, and in 2007 His Honour was appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice.

In addition to being a member of the Chief Justice's Executive Committee, Associate Chief Justice Griffiths chairs the Education Secretariat overseeing all judicial education for the Ontario Court of Justice.

Ian Davidson

Ian Davidson has been the Chief of Police for the City of Greater Sudbury for six years as part of a 30-year career. He is a graduate of Carleton University, the Ontario and Canadian Police College, the FBI National Academy and the Rotman School of Management Leadership Program. Chief Davidson serves on the Criminal Intelligence Ontario Governing Body and is Vice Chair of the Canadian Police College Advisory Board. He has written articles on a number of policing issues.

Chief Davidson recently served on the Premier's Panel on Post Secondary Education and was a member of the Military Police Review Group led by former Chief Justice Brian Dickson, convened after the Somalia Inquiry.

Joseph Di Luca

Joseph Di Luca received his LL.B. from the University of Toronto in 1996, was called to the Bar in 1998 and received his LL.M. from Osgoode Hall Law School in 2003. He is a partner at Di Luca Copeland Davies LLP. He practices criminal law at both the trial and appellate levels and has appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada, The Walkerton Inquiry, The Goudge Inquiry, and Standing Committees of the Senate and Parliament. Di Luca is also an adjunct professor of law at Osgoode Hall Law School where he co-instructs the Criminal Law Intensive Programme and Criminal Law Ethics.

Di Luca is currently a Vice President of the Criminal Lawyers' Association and a Director of the Canadian Italian Advocates' Organization.

Anthony N. Doob

Anthony N. Doob is a professor at the Centre of Criminology, University of Toronto. He has been teaching at the University of Toronto since 1968 and has been associated with the Centre of Criminology since 1971. He served as Director of the Centre of Criminology from 1979 to 1989 and was one of the members of the Canadian Sentencing Commission from 1984 until 1987. He is an author of approximately 200 articles, books and reports covering a wide range of topics including the processing of cases in the criminal courts.

George Thomson

As both a Senior Director and former Executive Director at the National Judicial Institute, George Thomson has played a leadership role in international justice reform projects with the Supreme Court of the Philippines and the Philippines Judicial Academy, the Chinese Supreme Peoples Court, the Russian Judicial Academy and the Ukraine Judicial Academy. Thomson is also a former Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada, a former Deputy Attorney General of Ontario, a former Special Advisor to the federal Minister of Justice and a former member of the judiciary.

Bob Ward

Bob Ward is currently CEO of Legal Aid Ontario (LAO). He has served in a number of capacities in his 34-year public sector career. Prior to his appointment at LAO in 2006, he was Secretary General, Canadian Human Rights Commission. Ward has worked extensively in multi-stakeholder environments spanning human rights and regional and aboriginal economic development. He has also worked in federal government central agencies including the Privy Council Office, the Public Service Commission and Treasury Board. Ward has expertise in the fields of corporate development, strategic policy innovation and communications. Ward has a B.A. (Political Science and History) from York University and a M.B.A from the University of Ottawa.

Lynne Wagner

Lynne Wagner is currently the Director of Court Operations for Central East Region after working in the court system for over 25 years as a Manager of Court Operations and formerly a Sheriff and Local Registrar. Wagner has been the local manager in courthouses in Fort Frances, Bracebridge, Barrie, Brampton, Kitchener, Cambridge and Guelph. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Judicial Administration from Brock University and an Honours undergraduate degree from Guelph University in Political Science and History.

Mike Conry

Mike Conry is currently the Corporate Director of the Management and Operational Support Branch of the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. He has over 30 years experience in the field of Corrections. He began his career in 1977 as a Correctional Officer and progressed through the ranks to Superintendent of the Metro West Detention Centre. Conry has worked at numerous large institutions. He spent three years as the Executive Assistant to the

Deputy Minister of Correctional Services. He was Director of Institutional Services of Central Region with oversight of seven institutions in the GTA.

THE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

[Senior Regional Justice Bruce Durno](#) is leading the *Justice on Target* strategy, and [Senior Crown Attorney Kenneth Anthony](#) is the ministry's senior lead.

In addition to receiving advice from the Expert Advisory Panel, Mr. Justice Durno and Mr. Anthony will:

- Work with an implementation team on the ground in local courthouses
- Engage the Judiciary, the Criminal Defence bar, Crown prosecutors, the police and other justice system partners
- Develop and implement new initiatives to help meet the target
- Report to a Results Table chaired by Attorney General Chris Bentley.

Mr. Justice Durno, Mr. Anthony and the Implementation Team are working with others in Ontario's justice system to get advice and identify further initiatives to help meet the province's target. The team will then put these initiatives into action, measure progress and adjust course as necessary.

They will also call on members of the Expert Advisory Panel throughout the process.

TRANSPARENCY

Ontarians can follow the progress of courts in their local community towards reaching the targets through a transparent new *Justice on Target* website, which for the first time makes [criminal case statistics dating back to 2000](#) publicly available.

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