

Criminal Justice Section Report 2021-2022

While COVID presented a number of challenges again to our usual CPD Section activity, we had a busy year. All Section activity was virtually presented. Two highlights included:

- 1) Our popular Welcome to the Practice of Criminal Law which was delayed but presented on October 27, 2021 virtually to an enthusiastic group of 44 attendees; and
- 2) Our presentation at the Mid-Winter on January 21, 2022 with 31 attendees. We had a fantastic speaker, John Williams who spoke on Consent and Honest Belief in Consent and an equally knowledgeable panel who spoke on: Sexual Assault Cases – The Pitfalls, Perils and How to Avoid Them.

We also presented the following topics during the year:

Jun 8, 2021, Top Supreme Court/Court of Appeal cases for 2020-2021, 16 attendees

Nov 15, 2021, Extradition, 16 attendees

Feb 14, 2022, Marie Henein: Nothing But the Truth, 105 attendees

Apr 25, 2022, The Gladue Principles: Doctrinal Roots and New Growth, 30 attendees

The Marie Henein session deserves special mention, and not just because it was the iconic, Marie Henein. The session had record setting attendance, on a Monday, and was a very informative, informal and engaging session.

We are very excited to announce a very special guest who will be speaking virtually on June 15, 2022. Ambassador Bob Rae will be speaking on “War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity”. We are truly honoured that he is finding time to speak to us so please mark your calendars.

Our Section also contributed criminal law content regularly to *Headnotes & Footnotes*. We lost one of our members to the bench recently, Curtis Briscoe. He will be hard to replace, but we are pleased that MBA members are elevated to these positions. We are thankful for our amazing and hard-working Executive: Peter Kingsley, Q.C., Amanda Sansregret, Q.C., David Davis, Kathrine Basarab, Melissa Hazelton and Caleigh Glawson. We are especially thankful for all the time, direction and efforts of Melissa Tannahill.

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