

# TO BE FRANK

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"Frank lacobucci is a great Canadian, a great legal mind and leader, and a great friend." - David Johnston, Governor General of Canada

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Frank Iacobucci's engagement with Canadian society has taken many forms. As judge and jurist, professor, administrator, and civil servant, he continues to inspire the people around him and the projects they take on. This colloquium, timed to coincide with his 80th birthday, is shaped by contributors from a broad spectrum of experience and positions of responsibility, whose paths have crossed that of Frank Iacobucci. They are friends, past students, former law clerks, and colleagues in academia, public service, legal practice and the judiciary. Their written reflections illustrate the reach of Frank Iacobucci's guidance and leadership, and will be incorporated into today's "To Be Frank" colloquium conversations.

## **COLLOQUIUM SCHEDULE**

Room 312 New Chancellor Day Hall, 3644 Peel Street, Montreal

2:00 — Introduction

Colloquium organizer and host, Shauna Van Praagh

2:05-3:30 — Session One

Diversity and Inclusivity in Canadian Institutions and Society

3:30 — Coffee break

3:45-5:15 — Session Two

Ethical Practice in Leadership, Governance and Law

5:15 PM — Q&A

Professor Jacobucci and students

5:30-6:30 — Vin d'honneur

Dean Robert Leckey

#### SESSION ONE - DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN CANADIAN INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETY

Inclusivity and diversity are crucial concepts and organizing themes in education, institution-building, and social justice. The effectiveness of collective projects – from raising a family to running a university to developing a country – relies on individual identity and commitment as well as on the sharing of experience and co-existing visions. Respect for human dignity, willingness to reimagine relations, and participation in evolving stories and structures are all elements crucial to meaningful recognition and engagement – and all characteristic of Frank lacobucci's past and ongoing contributions.

In what ways can or should educational institutions include a broad range of voices, perspectives, and terrains of inquiry? How do we hear and incorporate diverse narratives in the processes of policy-making and reconciliation? How do the commitments of equality, dignity and respect translate into the construction of sustainable relationships and inclusive frameworks for human interaction?

**MODERATOR:** Angela Campbell

#### **PANELISTS:**

**Steve Moate,** speaking to the contributions of *Brian Beck, Mark Drumbl, Martin Friedland, Robert Prichard, Jennifer Quaid, Janice Stein, Les Viner* 

**Raji Mangat,** speaking to the contributions of *Marc Caira, Andrew Iacobucci, Catherine Iacobucci, John Laskin, Matthew Milne-Smith, Bob Rae, Carolyn Tuohy* 

**John Terry,** speaking to the contributions of *Mary Dawson, James Hickling, Patrick Monahan, Camille Nelson, Douglas Rutherford, Michael Trebilcock* 

### SESSION TWO - ETHICAL PRACTICE IN LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND LAW

The principles that inform and shape ethical practice are reflected in both formal and informal rules associated with a range of contexts, including those of teaching, mentoring, providing counsel, playing sports, leading inquiries and judging. Whatever the context, effective and accountable governance and leadership depend on trust, sensitivity, and a keen understanding of the needs, capacities and potential of people. Frank lacobucci's own practice serves as a model to others who exercise their own responsibilities with his guidance, insight and support.

What principles and practices strengthen collegiality and a sense of collective endeavour - on the Bench or elsewhere? In what ways is trust nourished - whether on a small scale or at the macro level of society? How do we participate in generating values that guide our actions and leadership? And how can sensitivity and empathy inform power and justice?

**MODERATOR:** Janice Stein

#### **PANELISTS:**

**Mark Drumbl,** speaking to the contributions of *Michel Bastarache, Janine Benedet, Brian Flood, Warren Mitchell, Steve Moate, David Outerbridge*, *Marvin Storrow* 

**Camille Nelson,** speaking to the contributions of *Angela Campbell, Norie Campbell, Lance Finch, John Helliwell, Edward Iacobucci, John Terry* 

**John Laskin,** speaking to the contributions of *John Butler, Raji Mangat, Heather Munroe-Blum, Louis LeBel, Walter Podovsky, Grégoire Webber* 

Biographical information for the contributors will be available by the time of the Colloquium