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Don Connolly, Emcee
Former Host of CBC Information Morning

Born in Antigonish, N.S., and raised in Bathurst, N.B., Don spent the last 42 years of his journalism career as the host of *CBC Information Morning*, broadcasting out of Halifax. Widely recognized as one of the most distinct radio personalities in Atlantic Canada, Don first joined the morning team as an interviewer in 1976. Before that, he worked with a handful of radio stations across eastern Canada, including CKBC in Bathurst, CHNS in Halifax, and CFGO in Ottawa. The breadth of stories Don has brought us over four decades is too vast to cover here. Among his favourite work was covering elections — municipal, provincial and federal, he delivered the results of countless visits to the polls. There were difficult days too; when the Westray Mine exploded, when Swissair Flight 111 crashed, and when Hurricane Juan made landfall, Don's soothing tones brought information and a sense of calm to his listeners. Don retired from journalism on Jan. 26, 2018, and is enjoying time with friends and family at home in Halifax.



Superintendent Jim Perrin
Criminal Investigation Division, Halifax Regional Police

Superintendent Perrin is the officer-in-charge of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division and its various support units, including forensic identification, digital forensics, criminal intelligence and crime analysis. He began his policing career in 1989, serving in general patrol, various street crime units and investigative units. Since being promoted to the rank of superintendent in 2009, he has held the positions of Divisional Commander and officer-in-charge of the Support Division. He was also a member of the Emergency Response Team for 10 years, a unit he later oversaw as the senior officer in charge of this specialized unit. Superintendent Perrin sits on the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Law Amendments Committee. He has volunteered for several years for local amateur sports including coaching girls' minor hockey and soccer, and serving in board of director roles with amateur sporting organizations.



Jennifer A. MacLellan, Q.C.
Senior Crown Counsel, Appeals Branch, Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service

Jennifer appears primarily before the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and has also conducted matters in the Supreme Court of Canada. Prior to joining the Appeals Branch in 2011, Jennifer was a trial Crown Attorney in the Dartmouth and Halifax offices of the PPS. She has handled conflict prosecutions before the courts in Manitoba, New Brunswick, and Ontario, on behalf of their respective Crown agencies. Prior to joining the Crown, Jennifer clerked with the Federal Court of Appeal in Ottawa. She also practiced general litigation with Boyne Clarke in Dartmouth. In 2012, Jennifer was the only Canadian awarded an International Fellowship by the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute. The program, focusing on government corruption, was held in Washington DC and New York with twenty-two attendees consisting of prosecutors from around the world.

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Karen Endres
Managing Lawyer, Dartmouth Criminal Office, Nova Scotia Legal Aid

Karen graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 2004 and articulated with Nova Scotia Legal Aid, where she has practiced, almost exclusively in criminal law, since 2005.

Karen is a frequent contributor to professional development activities within Nova Scotia Legal Aid, the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, the Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia Branch, and the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers' Association.



The Honourable Dan MacRury
Judge of the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia

Judge MacRury was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in August 1986. Before his appointment to the Bench on July 30, 2014, he was the Chief Crown Attorney with the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service in Cape Breton. He was named Queen's Counsel in 2005.

During his 28 years as a lawyer, Judge MacRury served as both a Crown and a defence attorney. Prior to joining the PPS in 1996, he practiced primarily criminal law and family law with Nova Scotia Legal Aid.

Judge MacRury was a member of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial working group on cyber-crime since 2001, and was a member of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police E-Crime Committee. In 2005, he was selected to be a member of the 12-person Canadian delegation to the 11th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice with expertise in cyber-crime in Bangkok, Thailand. That same year he was elected vice-chairman of the United Nations Workshop on measures to combat computer related crime in Bangkok, Thailand.



Tim Bousquet
Online Journalist, Founder of Halifax Examiner

Tim grew up in Norfolk, Virginia. He worked at a few newspapers in the United States before moving to Nova Scotia in 2004. Two years later, he started working for The Coast, a free weekly publication reporting on local news in the Halifax region. Tim spent seven years there, working first as an investigative journalist and the paper's Municipal Affairs reporter. He was soon elevated to the role of News Editor.

Tim left The Coast in 2014 to launch The Halifax Examiner (www.halifaxexaminer.ca), an independent, adversarial news website that includes a growing collection of writers, contributors, and staff. Tim is the publication's primary Editor and Publisher.

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Sherri Borden Colley
Reporter/Editor, CBC News Nova Scotia

Prior to joining the CBC, Sherri worked for 21 years as a reporter with The Chronicle Herald newspaper, many of those covering the Nova Scotia Courts. She has received numerous honours for her journalistic work, including an Atlantic Journalism Award in for spot news coverage in print, and was named the 2001 recipient of the Jongleur Artist Group "Dr. Carrie Best Journalist of the Year" Award.

Sherri is one of forty-eight African-Nova Scotians featured on the Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute's 2018 Notable Nova Scotians poster for covering stories about social justice, race, culture and human rights. Outside of her work, Sherri directs SAESO, the children's choir at Cornwallis Street Baptist Church in Halifax and is a volunteer librarian at Enfield District School. Sherri is also a member of the award-winning Nova Scotia Mass Choir and serves as its media representative.



Aly Thomson
Journalist, The Canadian Press

Aly graduated in 2010 from the School of Journalism at the University of Kings College and was hired by The Canadian Press soon after as a journalist and desk editor.

Aly is now the CP Atlantic Bureau Court Reporter. She has covered some of the region's biggest cases, including the RCMP Labour Code trial stemming from the shooting deaths of three Mounties in Moncton, N.B., and most recently the Christopher Garnier second-degree murder trial in Nova Scotia Supreme Court.



Lisa Taylor
Assistant Professor, Ryerson School of Journalism

Lisa is a former lawyer and CBC journalist who teaches multiplatform journalism and journalism law and ethics. Her work at the CBC has been recognized by the Gemini Awards, the Atlantic Journalism Awards and the B'nai Brith Media Human Rights Awards. Her independent documentary production work has been recognized by the Ann Arbor Film Festival, the Atlantic Film Festival and the Yorkton Film Festival.

Lisa holds both an LLB and an LLM from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University. She is an accomplished teacher who previously lectured at the University of King's College School of Journalism and Mount Saint Vincent University. She regularly leads professional development workshops at CBC newsrooms across Canada. In 2015, Lisa received Faculty of Communication and Design's Dean's Teaching Award at Ryerson University.

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The Honourable Mary T. Moreau
Chief Justice of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

Chief Justice Moreau was appointed a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in 1994, as a Deputy Judge of the Supreme Court of the Yukon Territory in 1996, and as a Deputy Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories in 2005. She was appointed as Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta on October 17, 2017. Chief Justice Moreau has chaired many Court Committees, including the Court of Queen's Bench Media Relations Committee and the Alberta Courts Public Information Committee. She was the President of the Canadian Superior Courts Association in 2011-12. Justice Moreau was the Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut representative on the National Ethics Advisory Committee for federally appointed judges from 2014 to 2017. She has been involved as a Co-Chair, a member of the organizational committees and a panelist for several National Judicial Institute (NJI) education seminars. She is also the judicial co-editor of the NJI's monthly criminal newsletter for judges, reporting nationally on recent criminal cases of interest to the judiciary.



The Honourable Bruce Cohen
British Columbia Superior Courts Communications Officer

Justice Cohen received his B.A. (1962) and LL.B. (1965) from the University of British Columbia and his LL.M. (1966) from the University of California (Berkeley). He was admitted to Bar of British Columbia in 1967 and soon after joined the law firm of Ladner Downs (now Borden Ladner Gervais). He was elected a Bencher of the Law Society of British Columbia in 1978 and is a Past Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1983. Justice Cohen stopped practicing in 1987 to accept an appointment to the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Over his career as a judge he has held numerous positions on local and national judicial committees. Justice Cohen retired from the Bench in May 2015 and is now the Superior Courts Communications Officer.



Beth Karas
Journalist, Legal Analyst, BK All Media, Inc.

For two decades, Beth has offered insight, analysis, and on-the-spot reporting on legal stories from courthouses across the United States. She learned how to navigate the courtroom during her eight years as an Assistant District Attorney in New York City under legendary District Attorney, Robert Morgenthau. Although she remains a licensed attorney, Beth left the law in 1994 to join Court TV. She spent 19 years as an on-air correspondent with the show, which was later renamed In Session on truTV. Since then, Beth has evolved into a multi-platform journalist, appearing as a legal expert on virtually every American cable and network news programs, as well as radio stations and print publications around the country. In 2014, Beth launched her own subscription website, KarasOnCrime.com, which covers trials and legal stories.

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Blair Rhodes
Broadcast Journalist, CBC News Nova Scotia

Blair graduated with honours from the four-year Bachelor of Journalism program at Carleton University. Early in his career, Blair often covered the Courts in New Brunswick. Now, 37 years later, after detours to cover politics, produce documentaries and television newscasts, Blair has come full circle and is once again covering the Courts. Some of the notable cases he has reported on include the marijuana possession trial of New Brunswick Premier Richard Hatfield and the expense account trial of Nova Scotia cabinet minister Billy Joe MacLean. More recently, Blair has covered a string of high-profile murder cases, perhaps best remembered by the names of the victims: Jennifer Horne, Christina Cline, Catie Miller, Loretta Saunders, Taylor Samson, Kirk Mersereau and Nancy Christensen, Catherine Campbell, Victoria Braun Buckley, Chad Smith, and Kristin Johnston. In the case of Catherine Campbell, Rhodes and the rest of the CBC News team won the 2018 Social Media Award from the RTDNA (Radio, Television, Digital News Association) for coverage of the murder trial of Christopher Garnier.



Robert Currie
Professor, Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University

Rob is a Professor of Law at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University, where he teaches Criminal Law, International Criminal Law and Evidence. He is also a former Director of the Law & Technology Institute and currently co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Law & Technology*. Rob is an award-winning teacher and an accomplished scholar. His legal writing has been cited by numerous Canadian courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada. Most recently, his scholarship has focused on cybercrime and cross-border criminal investigations. He is currently on sabbatical and working as Special Appeals Counsel at Nova Scotia Legal Aid.



Angela MacIvor
Broadcast Journalist, CBC News Nova Scotia

Angela MacIvor is CBC Nova Scotia's investigative reporter. Over her 12-year career with the CBC, she has been a reporter and producer for various programs in all three Maritime provinces. She prefers to cover issues off the beaten reporting path, such as human trafficking and sexual assault. Her attention to these areas has earned Angela several awards for excellence in enterprise journalism. Angela has also covered several high-profile court cases, including the Amber Kirwan murder trial, the Harley Lawrence murder trial, Nova Scotia's first human trafficking conviction, and the Bridgewater intimate images case. Her persistence for information in the Bridgewater case led to a separate, successful, application hearing regarding media access to Youth Court documents in 2017.

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Nancy Rubin, Q.C.
Media Lawyer, Partner, Stewart McKelvey

Nancy is an advocacy partner and member of the partnership board at Stewart McKelvey in Halifax. In 2012, Nancy was appointed Queen's Counsel, and she celebrated her 25-year call to the bar in 2017. She is a law school grad from the University of Ottawa and has a BSc in psychology from Dalhousie University. Nancy regularly appears at the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on matters relating to electricity and natural gas regulation, as well as municipal planning and development. She works with clients on privacy issues, defamation and brand management, and provides pre-publication advice to print and broadcast media in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Nancy most often interacts with those in this room to

advocate for court openness. Nancy has just completed a two-year term as President of Ad IDEM/CMLA (Canadian Media Lawyers' Association) — the first woman to do so — and sits on the National Advertising Standards Council. Locally, Nancy is co-chair of the Supreme Court Liaison Committee, the sole member of the bar on the Media Liaison Committee, and a past member of the Board of Directors of Phoenix Youth Programs. She taught civil trial practice at the Schulich School of Law and has guest-lectured at the Journalism School at the University Kings College.



Peter Dostal
Senior Crown Attorney, Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service

Peter is a Senior Crown attorney with the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service, Office of Special Prosecutions. He specializes in computer and Internet-related criminal prosecutions across Nova Scotia, commercial crime, and other complex litigation.

Peter teaches part of the Computer Forensic Examiner course at the Canadian Police College in Ottawa and has guest-lectured at the Schulich School of Law. He is also an Associate of law school's Law & Technology Institute.



Geoff Franklin
Litigation Lawyer, BoyneClarke LLP

Geoff is an associate with the law firm BOYNECLARKE LLP, practicing commercial, criminal and regulatory litigation. Geoff appears regularly before the Provincial and Supreme Courts of Nova Scotia, and has appeared in cases before the New Brunswick Court of Queen's Bench, the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island (Trial Division) and the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Courts of Appeal. Geoff is the Associate Chair at BOYNECLARKE. He teaches Civil Procedure at the Schulich School of Law, serves on the Board of Directors of Shelter Nova Scotia and is a member of the Nova Scotia Association of Architects Complaints Investigation Committee.

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The Honourable Judge Kevin S. Burke
Fourth Judicial District, State of Minnesota

Judge Burke is a trial judge, Past President of the American Judges Association, and one of the most recognized leaders within the American judiciary. He was elected four terms as Chief Judge and three terms as Assistant Chief Judge. During this time, Judge Burke instituted social science studies, and reforms improving procedural fairness.

He has been named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in the history of Minnesota by Law & Politics magazine. Judge Burke teaches at the University of Minnesota and University of St. Thomas law schools. He has been a speaker in 38 states, as well as Abu Dhabi, Canada, China, Egypt, India, Ireland and Mexico and Ireland regarding improvement in judicial administration and court leadership.



Desmond Cole
Activist, Freelance Journalist

Desmond is the winner of the 2017 PEN Canada/Ken Filkow prize, awarded to an individual who has advanced free speech in Canada. Desmond rose to national prominence following his viral article, *The Skin I'm In*, which addressed racial profiling. A relentless community advocate, Desmond resigned his column at The Toronto Star after being asked to choose between his activism for the Black community and journalism. His advocacy has been devoted to challenging police and state violence and anti-Blackness. A documentary featuring Desmond, *The Skin We're In*, aired on CBC and has been nominated for awards. Desmond currently hosts a show on Newstalk 1010, and he is completing a book documenting his

experiences in activism.



Dr. Diane Crocker
Professor, Department of Criminology, Saint Mary's University

Diane's areas of research include restorative justice, violence against women, criminal harassment and the use of the law to address social problems, particularly those that disproportionately affect women.

She has two projects underway. The first involves a five-year evaluation for Circles of Support and Accountability, a community-based restorative justice initiative for high-risk to reoffend sex offenders. The second explores sexual violence and "rape culture" on university campuses.

Diane is a member of the Canadian Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative and the Gender-Based Violence Prevention Network. She is an advisor to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice on development of the domestic violence court in Halifax and to several community-based projects related to gender-based and sexual violence.

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Steve Skurka
Criminal Lawyer, Legal Analyst

Steve is a criminal defence lawyer in Toronto. He is a certified specialist in criminal law and a former adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School. He has co-authored a book on jury selection and a book about Conrad Black's high profile criminal case in the United States. Steve has been a frequent guest on television and radio programs to provide expert legal commentary and was the legal analyst for the CTV National television network. Steve has been involved in several landmark cases in Canada, including the Dee Brown racial profiling case, the Maple Leaf Gardens sex abuse scandal, the Guy Paul Morin wrongful conviction inquiry, and the test case of the country's anti-gang laws.



Robyn Doolittle
Investigative Journalist, The Globe and Mail

Robyn is an award-winning journalist and author. She joined the Globe and Mail's investigative team in 2014 after spending nearly a decade reporting for the Toronto Star. Her probe of former Toronto Mayor Rob Ford's troubled personal life won the 2014 Michener Award and her book on the subject, "Crazy Town: The Rob Ford Story" was a national bestseller. At the Globe, Doolittle's investigation into how Canadian police services handle sexual assault cases has prompted a national overhaul of policy, training and practices around sexual violence, with police services vowing to review thousands of previously closed cases. The federal government cited the "Unfounded" series when it pledged \$100-million towards developing a national strategy to combat gender-based violence.



Denise Smith, Q.C.
Deputy Director, Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service

Denise graduated from Dalhousie University with a B.A. (cum laude) in 1986 and with an LL.B. from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1989. She has been a Crown Attorney for 27 years, and has prosecuted cases at every level of Court in Nova Scotia and before the Supreme Court of Canada. Denise was appointed Regional Crown for Halifax in 2003, Chief Crown Attorney for the Halifax Region in 2008, and Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in 2014, the same year she received the Queen's Counsel designation. Denise serves on several committees of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, including the Provincial Court Liaison Committee and the Criminal Law Professional Standards Committee. She is a designated wiretap agent and member of the National Wiretap Experts Committee. Denise also does police training, both at the local and national level, and serves on several committees of the Nova Scotia Department of Justice that deal with intimate partner violence and justice efficiencies. She is an assessor for the McKelvey Cup, Atlantic Law Schools' trial advocacy competition; a past chair of the Sopinka Cup National Law Schools' trial advocacy competition; and an instructor with the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program at Université de Moncton. She is also a Dalhousie Feminist Legal Association mentor to first-year female law students.

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Dana Bowden
Manager of Special Initiatives, Victim Services
Nova Scotia Department of Justice

Dana is a graduate of Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and a Certificate in Criminology. She has been working in the criminal justice system for 27 years, the past 19 years with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.

Dana worked in institutional and community Corrections for 14 years, both as a Correctional Officer and a Probation Officer, and spent three years with the Public Safety division, working with CyberSCAN as an investigator for cyberbullying. She moved to Victim Services as Manager of Special Initiatives for Victims in August of 2016. In her current role, Dana is involved in initiatives around intimate partner violence and sexual violence and was the lead in developing the recently Independent Legal Advice pilot program for adult victims of sexual assault. The pilot launched in in November of 2017.



Cheryl Maloney
Past President, Nova Scotia Native Women's Association

Cheryl was born and raised in the Indian Brook First Nation, Sipekne'katik district of the Mi'kmaq Nation. She graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 1999 and has completed certificate work with Harvard and the First Nations Governance Institution on Mediation and Negotiations in a First Nations context.

Cheryl is the Past President of the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association and an associate professor of Political Science at Cape Breton University. Her numerous accomplishments include co-founding the Legal Strategy Coalition on Violence against Indigenous Women and Girls, and working as a provincial, national and international advocate for missing and murdered Indigenous women.



Jim Rossiter
Legal Counsel, Department of Justice Canada

Jim is a lawyer in Halifax with the federal Department of Justice and his full-time client is Parks Canada. He is the author of Law of Publication Bans, Private Hearings and Sealing Orders, a looseleaf published by Carswell and updated twice per year.

Jim holds a Bachelor of Journalism from Carleton University and briefly worked for newspapers and The Canadian Press before and during law school. Jim is married to Jody Wood and they have three teenagers, the oldest of whom, thank goodness, is leaving home in the fall.