

FAJ Conference – Speaker’s Notes

Justice Ormston will review the history of Canada’s First Mental Health Court.

He will discuss emerging themes of therapeutic jurisprudence, self empowerment, and access to Justice.

He will discuss intersects of Criminal Law and Mental Illness. He will also discuss his observations of the civil committal process from his view point as Chair of the Consent and Capacity Board in Ontario.

Judge Ormston will review the evolution and growth of the Mental Health Commission of Canada and discuss some of its projects.

He will discuss the experiences of persons suffering from a mental illness who appear before administrative tribunals in cooperating four main factors.

- a) maximizing and participation
- b) avoid stereo types
- c) respect dignity
- d) ensure positive rights

He will offer tips on the conduct of hearing and participate in Questions and Answers and other dialogue.