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## **TING FORUM ON JUSTICE POLICY**

The David and Cecilia Ting Forum on Justice Policy probes justice issues at the frontiers, where policy is emerging: in new areas of legislation, new arenas of practice, from legislative intent to implementation in the street, from local issues to international issues.

(In 2003, the TING FORUM ON JUSTICE POLICY takes place within the conference **Best Practices in Restorative Justice: An International Perspective**, June 1-June 4, 2003, Coast Plaza Hotel, Vancouver.)

### **THE ROAD FROM POLITICAL INTENT TO LEGISLATION TO THE STREET: THE NEW YOUTH CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT**

**Coast Plaza Hotel, Vancouver, June 2, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.**

On April 1, 2003, the new Youth Criminal Justice Act became the law in Canada.

What was the intent of Parliament and the assignment to those who drafted the legislation? Will its provisions be clearly understood and utilized by all parties in the justice system? What slippage might occur between the intent of the legislation and the application of the law on the street? Can it be applied evenly, given issues of wide cultural diversity in some communities in a context of scarce resources? Are there issues around accountability? What will be the capacity in small remote communities? And can the law, and its impact in the community be effectively communicated to the public? To advance some thoughts on these questions, one of the drafters of the new legislation as well as a number of players in the justice system will engage in a dialogue.

**MODERATOR:** Ian Mulgrew, Columnist, Vancouver Sun

Catherine Latimer, Director General and General Counsel, Youth Justice Policy, Justice Canada, Ottawa

Karla Grons Dahl, Program/Coordinator/Instructor, Corrections and Community Justice Academy,  
Justice Institute of British Columbia

Charisse Giarraputo, Policy Analyst, Youth Justice Section, B.C. Ministry of Children and Family  
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Ray Corrado, Professor, School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University

The Honourable Ed O'Donnell (Provincial Court Judge, ret.), Chief Administrator, Community Justice  
Centre of the Comox Valley, Courtenay

Lynda Fletcher-Gordon, Executive Director, Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families,  
New Westminster, B.C.

Wendy V.T. Harvey, Crown Counsel, Ministry of Attorney General, New Westminster, B.C.

Inspector John deHaas, Chair, Restorative Justice Committee and responsible for Youth Services

and School Liaison, Vancouver Police Department

Reg Harris, Barrister and Solicitor, Smart & Williams, Vancouver

Susanne Dahlin, Director, Victim Services, Ministry of Attorney General, Vancouver, B.C.

Charles Horn, Coordinator, Governance, Aboriginal Relations, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Victoria, B.C.

## DAVID AND CECILIA TING

Justice and justice policy are important to David Ting. After High School in Taiwan, he served in the army where he had the opportunity to learn English and leadership skills. On retirement from the military, he joined the non-profit China Productivity Centre as editor of *Productivity Monthly* and manager of the information and publications department, with responsibility for the translation of English language works on management into Chinese.

Consequently, Ting regularly read about 70 business-related magazines and numerous books from the U.S. and other countries. He credits this seven year immersion in management study as a major factor in his subsequent business success. It convinced him of the importance of lifelong learning. "I've never stopped learning", he says. "You must study your whole life. That's the message I'd like to convey."

In 1974, with his wife Cecilia as his right hand, David Ting started his own business in electronic components in Taiwan. The Tings immigrated to Canada in 1993. A year later they established an endowment fund at SFU (which was matched by the provincial government) to support a program of public affairs education. It began as the Ting Forum on Public Policy and more recently became the Ting Forum on Justice Policy, a program of the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University.

## PAST TING FORUM PROGRAMS ON JUSTICE POLICY

**1996 The Aboriginal Sex Offender: Corrections and Treatment** A National Workshop on Aboriginal Sex Offenders and their treatment within the institutional setting. Held in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**1996 Ten years Later: The Charter and Equity for Women** A national symposium assessing the impact of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, 10 years after it became law, on the equality aspirations of women in Canada, as evidenced in areas such as family law, access to health care, same-sex spousal benefits and involving groups such as aboriginal and minority women and female offenders.

**1997 Aboriginal People and HIV in Prison** A multi-media conference held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, focused on discussing institutional policies around HIV/AIDS and on reconciling the health needs of aboriginal incarcerated offenders with the security needs of institutions.

**1997 How will Gambling Policy Proceed in British Columbia?** The regulatory and public/private issues arising out of the *Gaming Review* commissioned by the Province of British Columbia.

**1999/2001 Public Opinion and the Law Series** Dialogues between legal professionals, policy makers, community groups, and the general public on the law and its impact on Canadian society.

**Canada: A Refuge or Not? Refugees, Canadian Law and Public Opinion** A multi-media forum on the law relating to refugees, the system and the economics, and whether there is a gap

between the law and informed public opinion.

**Family Law Rights** A forum on how the courts are responding to the changing context for family and divorce, where relationships between men and women have changed, advocacy for children's rights have become central features in family law and divorce has become a very public matter.

**The Canadian Courts and Public Opinion: Courting the Public, Courting the Law** A Forum On public perceptions of the judiciary, its role, and the perceived extent to which the judiciary may or may not have become the de facto policy maker in Canada.

**FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TING FORUM ON JUSTICE POLICY**

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