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## **The Honourable Madam Justice Patricia Hennessy** **Ontario Superior Court of Justice**

Madam Justice Patricia Hennessy is a judge at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Northeast Region. After an early career in private practice and also working in public institutions she was appointed to the Superior Court of Justice in 1999. She has served on the board and been president of the International Association of Women Judges—Canadian Chapter, on the board of the Superior Court Judges Association of Ontario, the Council of the Canadian Superior Court Judges' Association, and the Education Committee for the Ontario Superior Court. She is actively engaged in local Mock Trials and Colloquium, the professional development conference for lawyers in northeastern Ontario. In 2011 Justice Hennessy received the Chief Justice Award for work in justice education and a doctorate of Laws Honoris Causa from Laurentian University. In 2014/2015 Justice Hennessy was judge in residence at Osgoode Hall Law School during her study leave. As part of her study leave activities, she worked with Anishinaabe students in high schools in Wikwemikong and M'Chigeeng on Manitoulin Island on a project called Exploring Justice/Making Law. Since then she has been involved provincially and nationally in judicial education projects on Indigenous law and legal orders.

Justice Hennessy was the presiding trial judge on the treaty rights case of *Restoule v Canada*. Professor Lindberg, of the University of Victoria, has written about the case and will engage in a conversation with Her Honour about her work, and how Anishnaabe perspectives were incorporated in considering the historical and cultural context of the signing of the treaties in question. What can administrative decision makers learn from the way this case proceeded as we try to make our own processes more inclusive?