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PRESENTER BIOS

John Done was called to the Ontario Bar in 1983. Since 1988, he has practised law at Kingston Community Legal Clinic, all but one year as Executive Director. John specialises in human rights law and public welfare law. He holds a JD from the University of Western Ontario, an LLM from Osgoode Hall Law School and an MPA from Queen's University. John taught alternative dispute resolution at Queen's Faculty of Law for two years. He has volunteered for the International Senior Lawyers Project in Thailand and Lao, primarily working with Lao law professors on how to teach law. John is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and maintains a private practise as a mediator and arbitrator.

Peter Dostal is Senior Crown Attorney with the office of Appeals and Special Prosecutions within the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service where he has been for 14 years. He specializes in prosecuting internet-related criminal offences, major commercial crime and other complex litigation across the province. He has litigated many high-profile cases in these areas.

He is a member of several national litigation and policy working groups in criminal law and a member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Hearing Committee that adjudicates lawyer disciplinary proceedings. He regularly presents to lawyers on various topics relating to criminal law and advocacy. He also writes and maintains a popular website, the Criminal Law Notebook, an online reference in criminal law.

Prior to his employment with the prosecution service he was a staff lawyer with Nova Scotia Legal Aid.

Alex Bolton is a professional geoscientist and experienced adjudicator with more than 35 years of diverse technical and management experience within the energy, government, and consulting sectors. Since 2010 he has served as a board member of Alberta's Energy Resources Conservation Board and hearing commissioner and chief hearing commissioner for the Alberta Energy Regulator. He has experience conducting fair, transparent, and independent public hearings and ensuring the quality of regulatory decisions. Mr. Bolton has participated on and chaired hearing panels considering a wide range of energy projects, including conventional oil and gas, pipeline, coal mining, and oil sands projects. He has participated on and chaired several joint provincial-federal environmental review panels and has significant experience considering the social, environmental, and economic effects of projects, including the effects on aboriginal treaty rights and traditional land use. Since 2016 Mr. Bolton has been member of and currently chairs the Discipline Committee for the Alberta Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists, conducting public hearings into allegations of unskilled or unprofessional practice by its members.

Emily Crocco

Emily Crocco is full-time Chairperson at the Canada Agricultural Review Tribunal. She has extensive experience in administrative law, having been legal counsel at the Security Intelligence Review Committee and RCMP Public Complaints Commission, and an adjudicator for Ontario's Landlord and Tenant Board and Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

Emily recently authored an article on decision-writing called "[Banish Your Backlog: Concise Decision-Writing as a Teachable Skill That Improves Timely Justice](#)", published by the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ), about which the CIAJ also released four episodes of its podcast, "[In All Fairness](#)". Emily has an LL.B. from McGill University and a B.A. in Politics and History from Brock University.

Cindy Chiasson has been a hearing commissioner with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) since 2016. She is a lawyer with extensive experience in environmental and natural resource regulatory matters and administrative law. Prior to joining the AER she served as a member of Edmonton's Subdivision and Development Appeals Board, hearing and determining appeals of municipal development decisions.

Ms. Chiasson had a distinguished seventeen-year career with the Environmental Law Centre, where she began as staff counsel and served as the executive director for twelve years. Her work at the Centre encompassed law reform and public education on a wide range of environmental matters, including energy development; public engagement in regulatory processes; land management and conservation; contaminated sites and brownfields; air quality; forestry; and agriculture. During that time, she served on several multi-stakeholder bodies, including the Natural Resources

Conservation Board's Policy Advisory Group, Clean Air Strategic Alliance, and Contaminated Sites Stakeholder Advisory Group.

As well as being an independent consultant on environmental law and policy for many years, Ms. Chiasson consulted with Alberta Environment on its development and implementation of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, and drafted related regulations, codes of practice and guidelines. She began her legal career with Duncan & Craig, Barristers & Solicitors.

Ms. Chiasson is a member of the Law Society of Alberta and the Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals. Her past board work includes chairing the boards of Alberta Ecotrust and the Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations and serving as a director of the Edmonton and Area Land Trust. She was a longtime volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada.

Ms. Chiasson studied Political Science and has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Alberta. She has also done professional studies in environmental risk assessment; risk communications; leadership development; public policy engagement; and non-profit management.