



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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# Growing the next generation of pro bono lawyers

*Leading pro bono lawyers to lecture at U of T to law students from across Canada*

Toronto, ON – Three keynote lectures will take place at the University of Toronto May 28 -30, as part of a national training conference for the 50 law students across Canada who run Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC), the only national *pro bono* service organization in the world. PBSC provides legal services without charge to organizations and individuals in need across Canada.

- **Junior Sirivar** is a partner at McCarthy Tétrault in Toronto. He recently obtained an order from the European Court of Human Rights regarding rights violations of Romanians under the European Convention on Human Rights. He will speak about the complexities of international *pro bono* lawyering and his *pro bono* practice on Bay St.
- **Michèle Moreau** is the inaugural Executive Director of Pro Bono Québec, the newest provincial *pro bono* service organization to have been formed. Her lecture will discuss the challenges of creating a *pro bono* culture in Québec.
- **Cynthia Petersen** is a partner at Sack Goldblatt Mitchell in Toronto. She has represented clients in almost every single lesbian and gay rights case to have been litigated before the Supreme Court of Canada, including *Egan, Vriend, M. v. H., Little Sisters* and the *Same-Sex Marriage Reference*. Her lecture will review the challenges and rewards of *pro bono* legal practice.

## EVENT DETAILS

**WHAT:** Leading lawyers lecture on *pro bono* lawyering in different contexts and cultures in Canada to the next generation of *pro bono* lawyers

**WHEN:** Friday May 28 at 7:30 p.m. (Sirivar),  
Saturday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. (Moreau) and  
Sunday May 30 at 7:30 p.m. (Petersen)

**WHERE:** Friday May 28 at the Intercontinental Hotel, 220 Bloor Street West.  
Saturday and Sunday May 29 and 30 at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, Falconer Hall, 84 Queen's Park (note: the doors will be locked so please register in advance)

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