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Avoiding Corruption and Scandal in the Future: Lessons to Learn from Gomery

Honourable Justice John Gomery

Former Superior Court of Quebec Judge and
Public Inquiry Commissioner

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9:00am – 4:30pm

In this one-day workshop, Honourable Justice John H. Gomery will review the laws and practices of Canadian Commissions of Inquiry and why governments use them so frequently. He will discuss the Commission of Inquiry which he headed, the impact it has had on government administration and the fate of some of its recommendations.

Gomery will explore the ways in which commissions such as his can help avoid corruption and scandal in the future as well as his recommendations for better balance of power between the PMO and the legislature to ensure proper and legitimate functioning of our democratic system.

Also on Justice Gomery's agenda will be issues related to increased demands by media and the public for greater government transparency. He will explore the ways in which such increased demands for transparency have led to a shift in power from the House of Commons to the media. But how will this shift in power assist in curbing corruption and scandal?

Required Readings*

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Gomery. 2008. "Transparency and Access to Information". *Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law* 4. <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?1440A9CC>

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