

International Commission of Jurists Canada

ABOUT ICJ CANADA

Established in 1958, ICJ Canada is a longstanding organization committed to promoting the rule of law, human rights, and judicial independence. It is part of a global network of organizations affiliated with the ICJ based in Geneva, which has long played a critical leadership role in international legal development and human rights reporting. ICJ Canada's members come from all levels of the legal profession: they are law students, lawyers, judges, and professors.

Since its founding, ICJ's members have undertaken a range of activities in line with ICJ's goals, including international trial observation, participating in the development of new international legal standards (e.g. through the drafting of the United Nations Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary), organizing international exchanges between members of the legal profession, and hosting educational events and training activities. We have also supported ICJ Geneva in its work, including doing human rights investigative missions; launching development programs to facilitate access to justice; convening major conferences and expert panels on cutting edge international legal issues; and playing a critical role in international legal developments, including the establishment of the International Criminal Court.

Our current project focus areas are: judicial appointments in Canada, legislative responses to modern day slavery, rule of law in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda, and national security and civil liberties. We have hosted events and conferences relating to refugee rights, corruption in sport, Canada in global affairs, hate speech, legal and humanitarian issues in interventions in fragile states, and more. Each year we give the Tarnopolsky Award to a person who has made an exceptional contribution to human rights.

ESTABLISHING AN ICJ CANADA STUDENT GROUP

Interested in setting up a student group at your law school? Your group can help to develop and implement research and advocacy relating to our mission, either by working on existing projects with lawyers and professors who are part of ICJ, or by proposing new ones. You can also organize events to create educational and networking opportunities for your group and fellow students. You are welcome to be creative and take the initiative to develop new ideas for activities. We'd be happy to discuss them with you. Please see the guidelines on the student branches page of our website for more information.

CONTACT

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