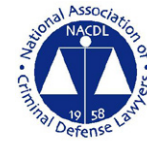




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Criminal Defence in International Criminal Law – a Training Session for Practitioners

The International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association in partnership with the International Criminal Bar, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Inter-American Bar Association is offering a four day training workshop on international criminal law and procedure at the University of Quebec in **Montreal, Canada**.

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The training session will cover in depth substantive law and procedure as well as interpretive issues, case management and ethical problems facing lawyers interested in practicing in the ad hoc International Tribunals, hybrid courts and in the new International Criminal Court (ICC). The training will be given in English by distinguished lawyers and law professors from Canada, the United States and Europe. Moreover, we are proud to also offer the perspective of prosecutors and judges. The training session will devote an afternoon to the realities of high profile prosecutions and legal reform. Our eminent special guest, col. Youngner will deliver a key note speech on Tuesday night on “Military Lawyers, Operations, and the Rule of Law”.

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Preliminary Program

MONDAY

11 December 2006

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Welcome of the participants; Introduction of the faculty by <i>Elise Groulx</i> , defence counsel, president of the ICDA
9:15 a.m.	Introduction to the International Criminal Justice System by <i>Elise Groulx</i> , defence counsel, president of the ICDA
10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:15 a.m.	Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court by <i>Bruce Broomhall</i> , professor at UQAM
12:00–1:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK – on your own
1:00 –2:30 p.m.	Definition of Crimes by <i>Patrick Healy</i> , professor at McGill
2:30 –3:30 p.m.	Command Responsibility by <i>Stéphane Bourgon</i> , defence Counsel at the ICTY
3:30 –3:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:45–4:45 p.m.	International Humanitarian Law by <i>Dominic McAlea</i> , Colonel, Department JAG of Canada
4:45–5:15 p.m.	Panel: Questions & Answers
6:00 p.m.	Key Note Speech Military Lawyers, Operations, and the Rule of Law by <i>Larry Youngner</i> , Colonel, US Airforces, JAG
7:00 p.m.	Adjourn for the day

Preliminary Program (cont.)

TUESDAY

12 December 2006

9:00–11:00 a.m.	Rules of Procedure and Evidence (Part I) (including investigations, forensic issues; setting up defence teams, etc.) by <i>Benoît Henry</i> , defence counsel ICTR and <i>John Jones</i> , defence counsel ICTY
11:00–11:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:15 a.m.–12:00	Working with Interpreters: Bridging the Language Gap by <i>Nancy Schweda Nicholson</i>
12:00–1:30 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
1:30–2:30 p.m.	The role of the prosecutor by <i>Fatou Bensouda</i> , Deputy Prosecutor ICC
2:30–2:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
2:45–3:45 p.m.	Judicious use of individual prosecutorial discretion at the ICTY – leveling the playing field by <i>Dirk Ryneveld Q.C.</i> , Prosecutor
3:45–4:45 p.m.	History of prominent prosecutions and justice reform by <i>Jonathan Ratel</i> , International Prosecutor
4:45–5:15 p.m.	Panel: Question & Answers
5:15 p.m.	Adjourn for the day
7:00 p.m.	DINNER (Restaurant Les Pyrénées) Political or peacebuilding missions: the conditions necessary to build a lasting peace. Special guest: <i>Serge Marcoux</i> , Secretary of the United Nations Association in Canada (Montreal) and first Canadian Ambassador to Bosnia Herzegovina (participants have to register separately)



WEDNESDAY

13 December 2006

9:00–10:15 a.m.	Rules of Procedure and Evidence (Part II) by <i>Benoît Henry</i> , defence counsel ICTR and <i>John Jones</i> , defence counsel ICTY
10:15 a.m. –12:00	The Accused by <i>Alexandra Marcil</i>
12:30–1:30 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
1:30–2:30 p.m.	Witnesses by <i>Rita Francis</i> , defence counsel ICTR
2:30–3:15 p.m.	Update on the Situations by <i>Elise Groulx</i> , defence counsel, president of the ICDA
3:15–3:30 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:30–4:30 p.m.	Victims by <i>Marie-Pierre Poulain</i> , defence counsel ICTR
4:30–5:00 p.m.	Panel: The ICC – a court sui generis
7:00 p.m.	DINNER Special Guest: Kerim Ousman Restaurant Taj, 2077 Stanley Rd., Montreal, Quebec H3A 1R7

Preliminary Program (cont.)

THURSDAY

14 December 2006

9:00–9:45 a.m.	CaseSoft by <i>Luis Rivera Gonzalez</i> , Defence counsel
9:45–10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:00–11:00 a.m.	Judge's expectations toward the defence by <i>Mr. Boutet</i> , Judge at the Special Court for Sierra Leone
11:30 a.m.–12:00	Update on the Lubanga case by <i>Elise Groulx</i> , Defence counsel
12:00–1:30 p.m.	Network Lunch
1:30–2:15 p.m.	Organising the Defence Bar at the ICC & the Professional Code of Conduct by <i>Erick Vanchestein</i> , Defence counsel
2:15–3:30 p.m.	Panel Discussion – Realities of practice in international and hybrid courts
3:30–3:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:45–4:15 p.m.	Feedback, Reflection on the Course
4:15 p.m.	Presentation of Certificates; adjourn

PROFILES OF THE FACULTY

Fatou Bensouda

Fatou Bensouda is Deputy Prosecutor for the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. She is in charge of the Prosecution Division. Mrs. Bensouda has worked as a Legal Adviser and Trial Attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and became Senior Legal Adviser and Head of the Legal Advisory Unit. Before joining the ICTR, Mrs. Bensouda worked in The Gambia as Attorney General and Minister of Justice. In this capacity she served as Chief Legal Advisor to the President and Cabinet of The Republic of The Gambia. Mrs. Bensouda holds a masters degree in International Maritime Law and Law of the Sea and as such is the first international maritime law expert of The Gambia.

Stéphane Bourgon

Stéphane Bourgon has practiced before the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) since 1998. Initially, he worked as a legal counsellor in the Office of the Prosecutor before becoming the Chief of the Cabinet for the President of the Tribunal, his Excellency, Judge Claude Jorda. Currently, he holds the position of Defence Counsel before the ICTY. His direct involvement in various cases has enabled him to closely follow and contribute to the evolution of the international criminal justice system. He was recently elected President of the Association of the Defence Counsel practicing before the ICTY.

Pierre G. Boutet

Prior to his appointment by the United Nations as a Special Court Judge in December, 2002, Justice Pierre G. Boutet had served in the Canadian Forces as a Legal Officer occupying various positions and completed his career at the rank of Brigadier-General.

In 1982, Justice Boutet became a Military Judge, assumed the position of Deputy Chief Military Trial Judge in 1986 and was appointed Chief Military Trial Judge in 1987. As a Judge, he participated in and presided over numerous trials in Canada, in many other parts of the world more particularly in Europe and the Middle East.

In 1993, on promotion, he became the Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Canadian Forces and was responsible for the provision

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of legal advice and legal services to the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces. He used his position to increase awareness of international humanitarian law in the Canadian Forces and in Canada. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War since 1996.

Bruce Broomhall

Bruce Broomhall is a professor of international criminal law as well as Director of the Centre for the Study of International Law and Globalization at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). Prior to this, Dr. Broomhall was Senior Legal Officer for International Justice at the Open Society Justice Initiative, part of the Open Society Institute, based in Budapest, Hungary. In that capacity, he worked to promote the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the documentation of international crimes and the mobilization of civil society by coordinating advocacy, training, research and other types of collaboration in Cambodia, the Caucasus, Colombia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Previously, as Director of the International Justice Program at the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, he was involved in promoting universal jurisdiction and the adoption of the Rome Statute, and was actively engaged on the Steering Committee of the NGO Coalition for the ICC to ensure respect for the Court's effectiveness during negotiation of its Rules of Procedure and Evidence and Elements of Crime. In 2003, Oxford University Press published his book *International Justice and the International Criminal Court: Between Sovereignty and the Rule of Law*.

Rita Francis

Rita Francis graduated in Law from Université de Montréal. Admitted to the Bar of the province of Quebec in 2004, she works, as a private practitioner, in prison law and criminal law. Also, Mrs. Francis volunteered at the Elizabeth Fry Society of Quebec where she collaborated on the publication of a brochure on preventive and disciplinary segregation inside federal penitentiaries. From January to July 2006, Rita Francis worked as a legal assistant within a defense team before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). Among other tasks, she had to coordinate the legal and administrative requirements to assign the defense witnesses. Mrs. Francis is currently working on an essay on the concept of major war criminals responsible for widespread crimes committed during war. This essay is written for her master's studies at Université de Montréal, studies directed by Mrs. Hélène Dumont.

Elise Groulx

Elise Groulx is a practicing lawyer in Canada with over twenty years of experience in criminal law as a defence attorney. During the international negotiations for the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Elise Groulx founded the International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association (ICDAA) in Montreal (Quebec) Canada. The ICDAA participated in the discussions and lobbied for a full, fair and well-organized defence in proceedings before the international court. Through her leadership, the ICDAA further joined forces with other key partners represented by national bar associations from around the world to pioneer a movement that created the International Criminal Bar in 2002 in The Hague, The Netherlands. As the first elected President of this latter organization and in her current capacity as honorary President, as well as through her presidency of the ICDAA, Mrs. Groulx has been directly involved in the developments of international criminal law and the Rule of Law as a key note speaker and organizer of various conferences and training sessions on the practice of law in this fielding se. Finally, she is a key human rights defender and contributor to the promotion of access to justice and the full exercise of fundamental rights in post-conflict societies.

Patrick Healy

Patrick Healy is a criminal law professor and expert. He has published extensive documentation on topics such as procedure, evidence, sentencing, comparative criminal law and international criminal law. Through his previous advisory role to governments and various non-governmental organizations for many years, he has been actively involved in law reform and, on several occasions, has testified before the Canadian House of Commons and the Senate on pending legislation.

Benoît Henry

Mr. Benoît Henry is a member of the Quebec Bar since 1971 and has a Master's degree in Criminology from University of Montreal and has practiced as a defence attorney at the Legal Aid Office of Montreal from 1971 to 1978. He subsequently joined the law firm Shadley Melançon & Boro as a partner, which became Shadley Battista in 1999. From 1998, Mr. Henry has also acted as Defence counsel

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before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and succeeded in obtaining the acquittal of a client accused of crimes against humanity and genocide. Mr. Henry has participated as a speaker in many conferences as an expert in international criminal law. In 2006, he received the Robert Sacchitelle prize, awarded by the Defence Attorneys Association of Montreal, for his work at the ICTR. Moreover, Benoît Henry is one of the International Criminal Court's legal advisors. Since 2005, he is member of the Board of Directors of the International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association (ICDAA).

John Jones

John Jones specializes in international criminal law, in particular war crimes and extradition. A dual UK/US national, he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1992 and was admitted to practice at the Bar of the District of Columbia in 1999. In 1994, he joined the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, The Netherlands. In addition to this legal practice, he spent nearly a year at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in 1998 in Arusha, Tanzania, as an associate legal officer, helping the judges of the ICTR draft the first judgment on genocide. In 2003, John Jones was appointed as first acting Principal Defender of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Since 2001, he has been involved in defence work before the ICTY. Mr. Jones has published and lectured extensively in the field of war crimes law, while simultaneously advising governments and international organisations. He is also the Director of the Board of the USA branch of the International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association.

Alexandra Marcil

Alexandra Marcil was called to the Quebec Bar in 1992. She started her career as a Crown Prosecutor for the Quebec government. In 1997 she obtained her masters degree in law (LL.M.) from the University of Montreal. She focused on criminal law, specifically mens rea. As a criminal lawyer, she has been an active member of the International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association since its inception, becoming a member of its Board of Directors in 2006. In January 1998 she began her practice in international criminal law, and for several years, she worked on the preparation of the « Butare case » before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). In 2003, after a brief term as defence counsel for the Special Court for Sierra Leone, Mrs. Marcil obtained a new mandate at the ICTR where she currently works as defence counsel.

Serge Marcoux

Serge Marcoux specializes in international relations, and holds a master from University of Montreal. During his career, he has been Canadian ambassador to many countries. Mr. Marcoux served as an embassy's advisor in Abidjan, Bonn and Budapest. In 1996, he became the first ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina. During the Canadian mission, Mr. Marcoux was in charge of the programs for all the Canadian departments in Bosnia-Herzegovina, including the 1200 soldiers present at the time. Back in Ottawa in 1999, he was responsible for the bilateral relations with eleven countries of central and Eastern Europe. He also represented Canada at the Council of Europe. In 2001, Mr. Marcoux was appointed High Commissioner for Guyana and ambassador for Suriname.

Dominic McAlea

Colonel McAlea has assumed the duties of Deputy Judge Advocate General responsible for Regional Services in the Canadian Forces as of September 2006. He is a graduate of the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law and was called to the Bar of Upper Canada in 1981. That same year, he entered the Canadian Armed Forces. In 1990, he completed his Masters in International Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science, England. He then served in the Gulf War until 1991. In 1993, he led a UN War Crimes Investigation Team in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia, in the Dubrovnik region. He also served in the Office of the Legal Advisor to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Belgium. In 1998, in his capacity as Director of Law/International, Col. McAlea was the Military Advisor to the Canadian Delegation at the UN Conference in Rome which drafted the Statute of the International Criminal Court. In 2004, he completed a Masters in Philosophy in International Relations Studies at the Center of International Studies, Cambridge University.

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Marie-Pierre Poulain

Marie-Pierre Poulain is a Co-counsel before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and is on the list as counsel before the International Criminal Court (ICC). She completed her legal studies at the Sorbonne (LLB, 1977 and Master in philosophy of law, 1995) and was called to the bar in 1981. From 1990 to 2003, she worked in private practice as a lawyer specialised in criminal law, labour law and copyright law. From 2002 to 2003, she held the position of Assistant in a Defence Team at the ICTR and participated in the rewriting of the International Criminal Bar (ICB) Code of Conduct before the ICC. Between 2003 and 2004, Mrs. Poulain attended hearings in Nigeria and organized training sessions on the ICC to Avocats Sans Frontières of which she is a member. She is also currently a member of the International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association's board of directors.

Johnathan Ratel

Jonathan Ratel is an International Prosecutor appointed to the State Court of Bosnia Herzegovina in Sarajevo and assigned to the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crimes and Corruption since 2003. Mr. Ratel has previously served as a Legal Advisor to the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague. As a legal advisor to the OTP, he got involved in complex investigations and prosecutions involving allegations of war crimes, crimes against humanity and grave breaches of the Geneva Convention. Mr. Ratel is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia, the Canada Bar Association and the International Association of Prosecutors.

Luis Rivera Gonzalez

Mr. Rivera Gonzalez is currently practising as a private attorney in both civil and criminal law for the Puerto Rican state and US Federal courts. He is in the list of counsel of the International Criminal Bar. Formerly, Mr. Rivera Gonzalez taught Criminal Law and Criminology at the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, and, as a student professor, at the Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Rivera Gonzalez is a member and the Vice-Chair of the Technology Committee for the Puerto Rico Bar Association. In addition, he has been highly involved in the Inter-American Bar Association; holding such titles as: Council Member, President of the Puerto Rico Chapter, Vice-President of the Criminal Law Committee, Special Liaison with International Criminal Bar and International Criminal Court, and Advisor to the current President, Jean Frederic Sales. Moreover, Mr. Rivera Gonzalez is former legal counsel for the Consulate of Colombia, Mexico and Uruguay in Puerto Rico, as well as, the Consultant for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), San Salvador, El Salvador. Mr. Rivera Gonzalez received his legal education from the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico and Georgetown University Law Center.

Dirk Ryneveld Q.C.

Mr. Ryneveld is currently the BC Police Complaint Commissioner and is an independent officer of the legislature. Prior to that, since 1972 Mr. Ryneveld has practiced law largely as a prosecutor. He became District Crown Counsel for the Kootenays in 1974. In 1985, Mr. Ryneveld became the Deputy Regional Crown Counsel for Victoria as well as the Director of Major Crime Prosecutions for Vancouver Island. He conducted numerous high-profile cases, including murder, sexual assault, arson, and dangerous-offender proceedings and appeared at all levels of court including the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Ryneveld was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1990. In 1999, he left for the Hague where he became Senior Prosecuting Trial Attorney with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. In the capacity of STA he was the lead counsel in a number of significant cases at the ICTY including Sikirica et al and Kunarac et al. He was also the lead counsel in the Kosovo component of the Slobodan Milosevic trial.

Nancy Schweda Nicholson

Nancy Schweda Nicholson is Professor of Linguistics and Cognitive Science with a Joint Appointment in the Legal Studies Program at the University of Delaware. She has published over 50 articles, many on consecutive and simultaneous interpretation theory, training, and evaluation. Dr. Nicholson is also widely published in the area of language planning for court interpretation services in the US and abroad. She earned her B.A. (With Distinction) in Spanish and French at the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1973, her M.S. in French and Linguistics at Georgetown University in 1976, and her Ph.D. (With Distinction) in French and Linguistics at Georgetown University in 1979. Dr. Nicholson has served and continues to serve as a consultant and/or trainer for numerous professional, governmental and private sector organizations, including: the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), the Federal Judicial Center (FJC), the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the Administrative Office of the Connecticut, Delaware,

Ohio and New Jersey Courts, the International Criminal Defence Attorneys' Association (ICDAA), the National Association of Criminal Defence Lawyers (NACDL) as well as the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness. She was appointed to the Federal Court Interpreters Advisory Board by the late Honorable William H. Rehnquist, former Chief Justice of the United States.

Eric Vanchestein

Erick Vanchestein has been a member of the Quebec Bar since 1987. He specialises in criminal and disciplinary law. Mr. Vanchestein was the director of the Revision and Communication Committee for the Quebec Legal Service Commission. In addition, he was a high official at the Quebec Bar and director of the Montreal Center of the Bar school. Mr. Vanchestein is one of the vice-presidents, as well as, on of the founding members of the International Criminal Defence Attorney's Association. Furthermore, he has been the vice-president of the Press Council of Quebec since 2001, and is a professor at the University of Quebec in Montreal in the Faculty of Law and Political Science.

Larry D. Youngner

Colonel Larry D. Youngner is Chief of the Operations Law Division for the Office of the Judge Advocate General at the Headquarters of the U.S. Air Force in Washington D.C. The Operations Law Division serves as the primary US Air Force legal advisors on international, doctrine and joint planning matters. The Operation Law Division participates in international negotiations and U.N. conferences. Before he became the Chief of the Operation Law Division, Colonel Youngner deployed as a staff judge advocate in 1999 to Bosnia-Herzegovina and in 2003 to Iraq. In 1994, he deployed as a circuit defence counsel to Turkey in support of Operation Provide Comfort. Larry D. Youngner obtained his Juris Doctorate in 1986 from the University of Georgia Law School and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in May 1986. He also has a master of Laws in Military Law, International and Operations Law speciality from the US Army JAG School.

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