

## JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY WEEK 2023

### Monday, February 13, 2023: After 20 years, what can the YCJA teach the adult system?

- Mr. Justice David Cole, who spent more than 30 years on the Bench in the Ontario courts, has agreed to host this panel with:
- Richard Barnhorst, one of the key architects of the YCJA, lawyer, former Department of Justice policy analyst; and
- Nicole Myers, Professor at Queen's University with a research interest in the Canadian bail system.

### Tuesday, February 14, 2023: Accessing Correctional Information

- Catherine Latimer, ED of JHSC and grateful articling principal, will convene a panel with past and present articling fellows to discuss developments in accessing important information
- Murray Fallis, former articling fellow now working for a childrens' rights charity in the UK, will speak about a successful judicial review of a ATIP decision to deny access to anonymized prisoner grievances on the basis that they were hand-written
- Lea Keren, former articling fellow, now working for Innocence Canada, will address whether a deemed refusal to provide information further to a prisoner's ATIP request violates Charter rights
- Vivian Sim, current articling fellow, will discuss the failure to provide prisoners and their patient advocates timely access to health records and what could be done to expedite the process
- Catherine Latimer will comment on the reported 10-year delay for Christophe Lewis to get access to the use of force video tape of the incident at Millhaven and argue that use of force tapes should be made publicly available.

### Wednesday, February 15, 2023 Can the Nordic Reintegration Approach Help Reduce Recidivism in Canada?

- Iridian Grenada, a person with lived experience, will share his research and recommendations on what elements of the successful Norwegian correctional model could be incorporated into the federal correctional system.

### Thursday, February 16, 2023 Structured Intervention Units (SIU) and the effectiveness of Independent External Decision Makers component

- Howard Sapers, current chair of the SIU Implementation Advisory Panel and former Correctional Investigator, will present on the First Annual Report of the Panel with a particular focus on challenges for effective Independent external decision making.

### Friday, February 17, 2023 Criminal Record Suspension Programs

- Rhea Higginson will host a discussion with JHS affiliates that were selected to provide criminal record suspension programs across the country, or who currently provide supports for clients seeking record suspensions. We hope to find some ways that affiliates can support each other in the delivery of the program and find ways to work together.

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### ALL WEEK

Our Blog editor with the help of Emily Stewart will be hosting an on-line discussion on the media and criminal justice policy and law reform. Their guests and audience will be tackling the challenge of sensationalized media coverage of crime coupled with calls for harsher measures – more police, longer sentences, reduced bail and so on. The growing body of evidence demonstrates that these tougher measures do not work and inevitably end of targeting already marginalized groups in society. The guests will comment on why there is such a disconnect in criminal justice between evidence and our rhetoric and policy and what can be done and by whom to reduce this gap. This discussion will be available as it happens on our [website](#) under Get Involved/Forum.