

Lawyers Without Rights – the exhibit

The internationally acclaimed exhibit, *Lawyers Without Rights*, chronicles the fate of Jewish lawyers before and during the Holocaust. It is a stark reminder of what can happen when the rule of law and the rights and freedoms of all citizens are undermined by political interference. *Lawyers Without Rights* will run November 1 to 25 at Harbour Centre Tower Atrium, 555 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, and at the University of Victoria, Student Union Building from November 28 to December 9, with a roundtable discussion on November 29. Funding support provided by the Law Foundation of BC.

The Law Society of BC regulates the legal profession to uphold and protect the public interest in the administration of justice. We work to ensure that the public is well served by a legal profession that is honourable, competent and independent. The words emblazoned on the Law Society's crest, *Law is the Ruler of Free People*, are just as relevant today as they were nearly 125 years ago when the Law Society was founded. By hosting the public forum, the Law Society hopes to ensure that all members of the public understand their importance.

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies is a Canadian human rights organization dedicated to fostering tolerance and understanding through community involvement, educational outreach and social action. Visit fswc.ca for more information.

Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre is a teaching museum that delivers Holocaust-based, anti-racism programming. Visit vhcc.org for information on the exhibit, *Nuremberg: Justice in the Aftermath of the Holocaust*, at the VHEC, 950 West 41st Avenue, Vancouver, from October 15 to spring 2008.

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Thursday, November 22, 2007

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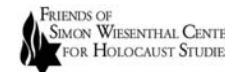


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Moderator

Duncan McCue

CBC-TV News



Duncan McCue has been a reporter for CBC-TV News in Vancouver for nearly a decade. His award-winning news and current affairs pieces are featured on *The National* and CBC News Vancouver. His coverage of aboriginal issues was recently honoured with the first-ever BC Region RTNDA Adrienne Clarkson Diversity

Award. Called to the BC Bar in 1998, McCue is a visiting professor at the UBC school of journalism. He is Ojibwe, from the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation in Ontario.

6:00 pm

Registration

6:30 pm

Anna Fung, QC
President, Law Society of BC

Welcoming remarks

Anna Fung, QC, the Law Society's president for 2007, was first elected as a Bencher of the Law Society in 1998. Fung is senior counsel and chief privacy officer for Terasen Inc. She has served a number of professional and community organizations, including as president of the Association of Chinese Canadian Professionals (BC), the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association and the BC Autism Association. She was chosen as the YWCA's 2007 Woman of Distinction for the business and the professions category and the Canadian Bar Association (BC Branch) 2007 Equality and Diversity Award.

PANEL DISCUSSION

6:30 – 8:10 pm

Leo Adler

The world as it was then

Leo Adler has been the director of national affairs for the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies since 1999. In 2005, Adler was appointed to the federal Cross Cultural Roundtable on Security, a committee of 15 people reviewing Canada's national security policy. He is a partner with the Toronto law firm Adler, Bytensky, Prutschi, where he practises exclusively criminal and quasi-criminal law. Mr. Adler is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall law school of York University and was a guest lecturer at Haifa University law school.

Dr. Norbert Westenberger

The fate of lawyers in Nazi Germany

Dr. Norbert Westenberger, vice-president of the German Federal Bar since 1995, represents the Bar on European and international affairs. Born in Germany in 1938, Westenberger was admitted to the Bar in 1965 and has been a Council member of the Koblenz regional Bar since 1978. Westenberger is a senior partner of Bette, Westenberger, Brink, where he practises competition law, company law, insurance law and litigation.

Joel Levi

Genesis of the exhibit

Joel Levi, founder of *Lawyers Without Rights*, is the 2007 Israel Bar Association distinguished lawyer of the year. Levi is a former vice president of the Tel Aviv Bar Association, and former secretary general of the Society for Medicine and Law in Israel. He has taught the legal aspects of medicine at Tel Aviv University and won the 2007 Officer's Cross Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Prof. Stephen J. Toope

Protecting the rule of law around the world today

Professor Stephen J. Toope has served as president and vice-chancellor of the University of British Columbia since 2006. Previously he was president of the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation, a non-partisan Canadian educational foundation. A former dean of the Faculty of Law at McGill University, Toope's scholarly interests cover the full range of public international law. Toope has conducted human rights seminars for government officials in Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia, and was a member of the UN observer delegation to the first post-apartheid South African elections.

8:10 – 8:30 pm

Questions and discussion

CLOSING REMARKS

Frieda Miller

Frieda Miller, executive director of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, has been a part of the Centre since it opened in 1994. Miller led the development of many Holocaust teaching resources, which have been used across the country. She co-curated several exhibits, including Vancouver's Schindler Jews (2006) and *Nuremberg: Justice in the Aftermath of the Holocaust* (2007).

8:30 – 9:30 pm

RECEPTION

Light refreshments

The Joseph and Rosalie Segal Centre