



## **Enhancing First Nations Representation On Juries**

### **McGuinty Government Appoints Respected Jurist To Conduct Review**

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Former Supreme Court of Canada Justice, the Honourable Frank Iacobucci, will review the process for including individuals living in First Nations reserve communities on the province's jury rolls.

The province appointed Mr. Iacobucci to conduct a review of existing processes, hold consultations, evaluate best practices, and provide a final report within a year. As part of the review, recommendations will be made on how to enhance First Nations representation on the jury roll. Mr. Iacobucci will seek input from First Nations communities and other interested parties.

#### **QUICK FACTS**

- Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Iacobucci has served as Vice-President of Internal Affairs and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Canada, and Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.
- Mr. Iacobucci has received numerous awards and honours including being appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada.

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*"The Honourable Frank Iacobucci's review will help strengthen First Nations representation on the province's jury rolls. Mr. Iacobucci has a distinguished legal career, with particular expertise in the area of aboriginal law which will be a tremendous asset to this review."*

– Chris Bentley  
Attorney General

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*"I look forward to working with our First Nations representatives, and all those who have an interest in this issue, to complete a review that is comprehensive and timely and addresses the unique challenges of ensuring a representative jury roll."*

– The Honourable Frank Iacobucci

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*"Nishnawbe Aski Nation is committed on behalf of our people to ensuring fair and credible trial and inquest proceedings. Working with the Government of Ontario to enhance meaningful First Nation participation in the Ontario justice system is an important step towards achieving this goal. NAN looks forward to working with Mr. Iacobucci and the ministry on this important review."*

– Stan Beardy  
Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief