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# Compassionate Justice Speaker Series

Returning after a two-year hiatus, the Series resumes our exploration of issues and concerns in criminal and social justice in Canada and the world beyond.



**Bill Trudell** Sunday, October 23rd, 2022 @ 12:30

**Chair of the Canadian Council of Criminal Defence Lawyers**

## INNOCENCE UNPLUGGED

Bill Trudell will draw our attention to a foundational principle of criminal law in Canada: Everyone charged with a crime is presumed innocent until the Crown proves them guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Too often, people hold to the belief that once someone is charged with a criminal offence they are guilty. The presumption of innocence is the law of the land; and it can only be displaced by an exacting standard of proof.



**Doug Saunders** Sunday November 20th, 2022 @ 12:30

**The international-affairs columnist for the *Globe and Mail***

## DARKNESS ON THE EDGE OF TOWN: The crisis in the world's suburbs

Until recently, the world's social problems and inequities were most visible in inner cities. But the last few years have seen a dramatic shift, with the suburbanization of poverty and immigration settlement shifting the most vulnerable communities to the outskirts. Doug Saunders has found that the most dangerous "mobility traps," where children are less likely to do as well as their parents, are now located on the edge of town. He will provide a discerning travelogue of this under-explored world on the edge.



**Lisa Kerr** Sunday January 22nd, 2023 @ 12:30

**Law Professor, Queen's University**

## WHAT JUDGES DON'T DECIDE AT SENTENCING

Lisa Kerr teaches criminal law, sentencing and prison law. She serves as the Director of the Criminal Law Group at Queen's Law and works with the Queen's Prison Law Clinic on strategic litigation. Sentencing judges decide only the length of a prison sentence, which means that the experience and severity of punishment is beyond the control of judicial oversight.



**Erin Dann** Sunday February 19th, 2023 @ 12:30

**Criminal Defence Lawyer**

## A BLUNT INSTRUMENT:

### Long Term Detention of Individuals found Not Criminally Responsible

Erin Dann has acted in over 100 appeals at the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada. She is regularly appointed amicus curiae in criminal cases involving mental health issues. Being found not criminally responsible by reason of mental disorder is not a "get out of jail free" card. Erin will share stories of individuals found NCR of offences that might never have resulted in a jail sentence, but who have spent years detained in forensic hospitals.



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