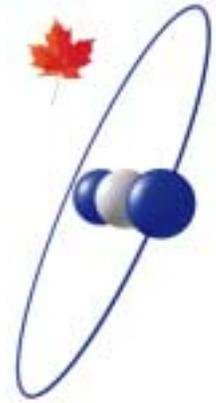




Deep River Science Academy

Summer Lecture Series

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Science and Law - Not so Strange Bedfellows A Look at DNA Evidence and Crime Solving

The Deep River Science Academy and the Chalk River Branch of the Canadian Nuclear Society are pleased to welcome Ms. Hilary McCormack, LLB, who will speak on DNA evidence and crime solving.

The talk will examine the evolution of forensic applications of DNA typing, its development as a crime-solving tool and its history through the Courts. It will include a discussion on how this relatively new technique has helped law enforcement agencies to solve new cases as well as cold cases, and distinguish between copycat offences. There will also be an overview of the development of the DNA data bank.

Ms. McCormack received her LLB from the University of Western Ontario in 1978. She was called to the Bar in 1980. Following 3 years in private practice, she was appointed as Assistant Crown Attorney in 1983. As a Crown, she developed a number of areas of specialty. She was designated by the Ministry of the Attorney General as a specialist in child abuse and as co-ordinator of the first Domestic Violence Initiative. She has prosecuted many high profile cases, including the first DNA case in Canada, following which she became actively involved in training and providing advice to Crowns and police forces across Canada on the introduction of DNA evidence in court. She also lectured extensively to members of the Judiciary on this issue. She provided advice to the Ministry of the Attorney General and to the Federal Department of Justice with respect to the DNA warrant and databank legislation.

Ms. McCormack was appointed Crown Attorney for Ottawa-Carleton in June of 2000. She supervises a staff of over 40 Assistant Crown Attorneys. She was a visiting professor at the University of Ottawa Law School. She continues to teach at the Bar Admission course and to guest-lecture at the University of Ottawa. She sits on a number of criminal justice committees. She has published a number of books and articles in the area of child abuse, domestic violence and DNA evidence.

Hilary McCormack, LLB

Thursday, 2005 July 28, starting at 6:30 p.m.

J.L. Gray Engineering Centre -- Bennett/Mackenzie Room,
(Please come to the rear entrance of the building)

Refreshments will be served – ALL WELCOME!