



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 30, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 11:33 a.m., in room W120, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Brent Cotter, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Arnot, Batters, Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Jaffer, Klyne, Pate and Patterson (*Nunavut*) (9).

*Participating in the meeting:* Aoife Mc Donald, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Julian Walker and Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on March 9, 2023, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Judges Act.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Indigenous Bar Association:*

Laura Sharp, Treasurer (*by videoconference*).

#### *The Advocates' Society:*

Sheree Conlon, K.C., Executive Member (*by videoconference*).

#### *Roundtable of Legal Diversity Associations:*

Juliet Chang Knapton, Chair.

#### *As an individual:*

Dr. Caroline Dick, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, The University of Western Ontario (*by videoconference*).

Laura Sharp and Caroline Dick each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:29 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:34 p.m., the committee resumed.

Sheree Conlon and Juliet Chang Knapton each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:33 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Mark Palmer

*Clerk of the Committee*