



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, November 9, 2023

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[*English*]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 11:47 a.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Brent Cotter, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Batters, Boisvenu, Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Dupuis, Jaffer, Klyne, Patterson (*Nunavut*), Prosper and Simons (11).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Dagenais (1).

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

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, November 3, 2022, the committee began its consideration of Bill S-231, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Criminal Records Act, the National Defence Act and the DNA Identification Act.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Criminal Lawyers Association:*

Stephanie DiGiuseppe, Director (*by videoconference*).

#### *As individuals:*

Greg Yost, Retired Counsel, Department of Justice Canada;

David A. Bird, Retired Counsel, Department of Justice Canada;

Christopher N. Maguire, Forensic Scientist, ForGenetica Consultants Ltd. (*by videoconference*);

Michael Crawford, Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of Windsor;

Katharina Clausius, Associate Professor, Department of Global Literatures and Languages, Université de Montréal.

Greg Yost, David A. Bird and Christopher N. Maguire each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:51 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:56 p.m., the committee resumed.

Michael Crawford, Katharina Clausius and Stephanie DiGiuseppe each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:44 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Vincent Labrosse

*Clerk of the Committee*