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## **Law Society of Alberta to hold 100th Year Anniversary Conference**

**Calgary, Alberta ... The Law Society of Alberta is pleased to announce that the “*Canadian Lawyers in the 21st Century*” Conference will be held in Edmonton at the University of Alberta Lister Centre and the Faculty Club on October 26-27, 2007.**

The conference sessions will address timely issues including *Diversity and Demographic Change, Access to Legal Services, Professional Competence, Regulation and the Legal Profession*. The conference will open on Friday evening with **keynote speaker, Harry Arthurs**, former president, York University and close on Saturday evening with **keynote speaker, The Honourable A. Anne McLellan, P.C.**

“We are honoured by the calibre of legal experts from around the world who have agreed to participate as panelists and commentators,” says **Jim Peacock, QC, President, Law Society of Alberta**.

Duncan Webb of the University of Canterbury (NZ), Avrom Sherr of the University of London (UK), Joanne St. Lewis of the University of Ottawa, Bradley Wendel of Cornell University (USA), Alice Woolley of the University of Calgary, and Wesley Pue of the University of British Columbia are among the 15 speakers confirmed for the conference.

Over the past century, the evolving roles and responsibilities of the Law Society of Alberta have mirrored and contributed to social and economic growth in Alberta. Since its establishment one hundred years ago, the Law Society of Alberta has undertaken a number of initiatives, including an assurance fund, mandatory liability insurance for lawyers, and the implementation of legal aid.

Today, the contemporary Society is a vibrant organization that fulfils its mandate and protects the public interest while providing numerous services to its members.

For more information on the Law Society of Alberta centennial conference and speakers, visit [www.lawsocietyalberta.com](http://www.lawsocietyalberta.com) .

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