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'DIRTY SECRETS' THE FOCUS OF MEDIA AND LAW SEMINAR

(EDMONTON, May 4, 2006) – Journalist/source privilege, sealing orders, publication bans, privacy and access to justice issues will be key topics at this year's Media and the Law Seminar.

Keynote speaker Linden MacIntyre, co-host of CBC's *The Fifth Estate*, will speak on the culture of denial at the May 6th event.

The Law Society of Alberta's signature event is presented annually for lawyers, media and members of the judiciary. It provides an opportunity to discuss issues shared by these three sectors in a spirit of learning, and to find creative solutions to improve their service to the public.

Panellists for the first morning session, entitled "CA Confidential: Journalist/Source Privilege", include *Ottawa Citizen* journalist Juliet O'Neill, Harvey Cashore, producer of CBC's *The Fifth Estate* and Justice Mary Moreau of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

Discussing the issue of access vs. privacy will be panellists Gary Dickson QC, Information and Privacy Commissioner for the Government of Saskatchewan, journalist Charles Rusnell of the *Edmonton Journal* and Annette Bidniak, Communications Director for the Solicitor General and Public Security. Local solicitor Jay Krushell will join these panellists in the debate.

Four panellists representing the media, judiciary and the legal profession will discuss and debate in the afternoon session entitled, "See No Evil, Speak No Evil: Sealing Orders, Publication Bans and the Presumption of Openness."

Further details on the seminar are available at: <http://www.lawsocietyalberta.com/news/events.cfm>

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