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**Law Society of Alberta celebrates 100 years
with keynote speaker gala simulcast in Calgary and Edmonton**

Calgary, Alberta ... The Law Society of Alberta is pleased to announce that **The Rt. Honourable Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin and the Honourable E. Peter Lougheed will be the keynote speakers** for the Law Society of Alberta's 100th Anniversary Celebration Gala Dinners. The dinners will be held at the **Calgary Roundup Centre**, Stampede Park and **Edmonton Northlands** on **Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 7:00 pm** and will be simulcast in each venue.

"The 100th Anniversary Gala Dinners are an opportunity for the Law Society of Alberta to recognize the rich and diverse history of the legal profession, celebrate our present endeavours, and provide a view to the future," says **Jim Peacock, President of the Law Society of Alberta**.

"We are also pleased to announce that our legacy of this centennial is Pro Bono Law Alberta, an umbrella organization made up of existing pro bono service providers committed to increasing and enabling pro bono opportunities for lawyers and legal services for Albertans in need," says Peacock.

Other upcoming 100th Anniversary celebration events include:

- 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book Launch – October 23, 2007 (Lougheed House, Calgary)
- 100th Anniversary Conference - October 26-27, 2007 (University of Alberta, Edmonton)

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.

Throughout its history, the Law Society has recognized that lawyers have an important role to play in ensuring fair, equitable and affordable access to justice for all Albertans. As early as 1932, the benchers introduced a Needy Litigants program and in the 1950s the Law Society began the work that led to the establishment of a Legal Aid Program in Alberta. Today, the contemporary Society is a vibrant organization that fulfils its mandate and protects the public interest.

For more information on the Law Society of Alberta and its centennial events visit www.lawsocietyalberta.com

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