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**CELEBRATING**

**50 YEARS**

**OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020, 6PM - 9PM  
NORTHERN MAVERICK BREWERY - 115 BATHURST ST, TORONTO, ON**

**For more than 50 years, CELA has been on the front lines, fighting to make our environment cleaner, healthier, and safer for everyone. We need your support to continue this work for another 50 years.**

Through client representation projects like the Walkerton Inquiry, intervening in environmental cases at the Supreme Court of Canada, providing legal aid services to safeguard low income and vulnerable communities, and championing legal reform, CELA has shaped environmental law and policy in Ontario and across Canada.

On December 2, 2020, we will be holding a celebration of CELA's work. We hope we can count on your sponsorship and attendance at this event as we reflect on CELA's accomplishments and look ahead at the monumental environmental challenges that need to be tackled in the next 50 years. The revenue generated from the sponsorship of this event will support the ongoing work at CELA. Your support is critical as government assistance has declined dramatically while the need for public education and citizen action on environmental issues has never been greater.

## **CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT?**

For information regarding sponsorship opportunities and donations, please contact Theresa McClenaghan, Executive Director and Counsel at [theresa@cela.ca](mailto:theresa@cela.ca)



## HIGHLIGHTING 50 YEARS OF CLIENT REPRESENTATION

### The Sandbanks Cases

Prompted the Ontario Government to expropriate the lease on sand dune-laden land that is now part of the Sandbanks Provincial Park, and enforced Ontario's jurisdiction over the environment by intervening after a Court ruled that Ontario had no jurisdiction to regulate the environment in an earlier Sandbanks case

**1972 & 1973**



**1982**

### Hyde Park

Representation of Ontario Clients in the Hyde Park contamination case to ensure the clean-up of 80,000 tonnes of toxic and hazardous waste seeping into the drinking water supply was adequate for human health and the environment on both sides of the border

### R. v. Hydro Quebec

Intervention at the Supreme Court of Canada to support constitutional validity of federal toxics legislation, upholding federal authority to protect the environment under criminal law powers

**1997**



**2000**

### Walkerton Inquiry

Representation of the Concerned Walkerton Citizens to advocate for a multi-barrier approach to protect drinking water, and require new or amended laws to protect drinking water

### Spraytech v. Hudson, Quebec

Intervention at the Supreme Court of Canada to support municipal rights to protect citizen's health from needless pesticide use

**2001**



**2002**

### Oncomouse (Harvard College)

Intervention at the Federal Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Canada resulting in the decision to deny the ability of anyone to patent mammals and other higher life forms under Canada's Patent Act

### Lafarge

Decision affirmed important public participation rights under Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights, including that Ontario must comply with its Statements of Environmental Values

**2008**



**2013**

### Castonguay

Intervention at the Supreme Court of Canada to affirm use of international law principles in interpreting Ontario's Environmental Protection Act

### Carbon Pricing References

Representation of environmental and faith organizations in reference cases and appeals at the Supreme Court of Canada regarding the constitutional validity of the federal carbon pricing law

**2020**



## HIGHLIGHTING 50 YEARS OF LAW REFORM

CELA has been instrumental in advancing or reforming an extensive body of law and international agreements over the last 50 years. Relying upon non-partisan, and evidenced-based analysis, we have worked in collaboration with colleagues and partner organizations, often as founding members of some of Ontario and Canada's most productive and innovative coalitions. While we are immensely proud of the work we have accomplished, CELA is committed to continue to champion the health, safety, and environmental interests of Ontarians and Canadians across the country - a task we are not able to do without generous support from donors like you.

### ONTARIO LAW

- Ontario Water Resources Act
- Environmental Protection Act
- Environmental Assessment Act
- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Nutrient Management Act
- Clean Water Act
- Environmental Bill of Rights
- Class Proceedings Act
- Great Lakes Protection Act

### FEDERAL LAW

- Canadian Environmental Protection Act
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Act
- Pest Control Products Act
- Canada Consumer Product Safety Act
- Impact Assessment Act

### BINATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

- Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
- Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
- International Trade Agreements