The Advocates’ Society

Justice G. Normand Glaude, Justice Colin McKinnon, and lawyer David W. Scott QC are members of the Advocates’ Society, an Ontario lawyers’ association.

From the Red Flag Committee

- **Justice Normand Glaude** was chosen by Attorney General Michael Bryant to head the Cornwall sexual abuse inquiry. Despite promises that he has no connections to Cornwall, Justice Glaude’s family is rooted in the area, he has at least one aunt and uncle living in the area, two of his second cousins recently came forward with allegations of sexual abuse, and, he is a Roman Catholic who, like Bishop Paul-Andre Durocher before him, comes to Cornwall from Sudbury.

- **Justice Colin McKinnon** is the judge who, despite his Cornwall connections, took the bench at the trial of Cornwall lawyer Jacques Leduc. Six weeks into the trial McKinnon was obliged to recuse himself after he was confronted in court with hard evidence of his serious conflict of interest regarding Perry Dunlop.

- **David W. Scott QC** is the lawyer who represented former Prime Minister Jean Chretien at the Gomery inquiry, and brother of Ian Scott, the Ontario Attorney General responsible for Glaude’s judicial appointment (1990). He is also the lawyer who filed a lawsuit in September 2000 on behalf of:

  *Bishop Eugene Phillip Larocque and Cornwall priests Fathers Bernard Cameron, Rejean Lebrun, Ranald Roderick MacDonald, Kevin Joseph Maloney, Donald Bernard McDougald, and Gary Ostler* against


  The 84-page Statement of Claim alleges that information published by the defendants is “false and defamatory of the Plaintiffs.”

**What’s the Problem?** Under normal circumstances, a judge’s membership in a lawyers’ organization would probably be deemed irrelevant. However, there is nothing normal about what has been going on in the name of justice in Cornwall, and, with the alarming number of red flags already flying around Justice Glaude’s appointment, happening upon Glaude’s name in the Advocates’ E-Brief (the society’s online publication) on the same page, and virtually alongside the names of Justice Colin McKinnon and David W. Scott certainly raises a red flag, and, with the flag, two questions. So, first, some information on the Advocates’ Society, then the questions.

**The Society:** The Advocates’ Society sponsors a number of dinners, lectures, workshops, working luncheons, conventions and conferences in Toronto and various locations across Ontario, including Ottawa. The society’s headquarters is Campbell House, Toronto, a spot described as “a home-away-from home” where “our headquarters and private dining room ... offer a comfortable place to meet with other members, and our special events provide opportunities for fellowship throughout the year.” According to it’s website, the society acts “as a forum for counsel to exchange ideas, share problems and enjoy the company of those with similar interests.”

**And, the questions:**

1. How often, if ever, have David W Scott, Justice Normand Glaude and/or Justice Colin McKinnon enjoyed each others company while sharing problems and exchanging ideas about Perry Dunlop and/or allegations of a paedophile ring and cover-up, Project Truth, suspect abusers, and/or sex abuse trials in Cornwall? and...

2. During the course of an inquiry conducted by Justice Glaude, how often, if ever, would they?