



**Ticket Defence Program
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To all friends and allies in Ottawa,

Will you join us?

You and your colleagues are enthusiastically invited to attend a FREE conference being hosted by the Ticket Defence Program (TDP) at the University of Ottawa.

Why are we hosting this conference?

Unresolved legal issues and substantial ticket-related debt impose an undue burden on those already dealing with the stresses and insecurities associated with living on the street. It is not terribly uncommon to meet someone with tens of thousands of dollars in uncollected fines. Enforcing these laws cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, yet the Province of Ontario collects on less than 1% of tickets issued. The result is a social injustice and a nonsensical burden to the provincial justice system.

This event proposes to benefit from the collective insight of a variety of institutional actors directly implicated in the regulatory justice system as it affects the homeless and street-involved community. Our speakers include lawyers, academics, a social worker, a police constable, an assistant Crown Attorney, a Justice of the Peace, and a local politician. All these actors share a collective responsibility for the fair and equitable treatment of this population in the justice system. Former Ontario Attorney General **Michael Bryant** will deliver the conference's keynote address.

We are certain that the conversation would be further enriched by your attendance.

How to register

You may RSVP by email to rsvp.streetlegal2017@gmail.com, before **Friday, February 17, 2017.** The conference program will be made available to registered attendees in early February. Spaces are limited.

For more information, you are encouraged to write us at TDP-PCC@uottawa.ca.

When and Where

Date: **Friday, February 24, 2017**
Time: 08:30-17:00
Location: University of Ottawa, Desmarais Building
55 Laurier Ave East, Ottawa ON
Conference Room 12101
K1N 6N5

Breakfast and lunch will be served, followed by a wine and cheese.

The Ticket Defence Program is a pop-up legal clinic run by volunteer lawyers, paralegals, and law students. The TDP offers FREE legal advice and/or legal representation to homeless or street-involved individuals.
For more information contact TDP-PCC@uottawa.com.