

Dalhousie Law School Co-Hosts Symposium on Victims' Issues

Information sharing, a provocative panel discussion and creating awareness on victim's issues are just part of what took place at the September 24th symposium, "Does Sparing the Victim Spoil the Trial? Examining Victim Participation in the Criminal Justice Process."

Co-hosted by Victim Services of the Department of Justice and Dalhousie Law School, the event brought together a range of people from different communities and allowed them to openly share their views on victims' issues. Speakers at the event included Bruce Archibald, Professor of Law at Dalhousie Law School; Alan Young, Professor of Law at York University and Osgoode Law School; Steve Sullivan, the newly appointed Federal Victim Ombudsman; John Joyce-Robinson, Director of the Nova Scotia Victims Services Division; and Priscilla DeVilliers, co-founder of Canadians Against Crime (CAVEAT) and victim advocate.

Funding for the symposium was provided by Justice Canada's Policy Centre for Victim Issues. Through events like this victims' issues continue to move forward by encouraging open dialogue and collaboration.