

Supreme Court of Canada Judge Speaks at Law Hour

The first Law Hour of 2008 featured Justice Marshall Rothstein, the newest Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. Justice Rothstein was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on March 1, 2006, following answering questions before a parliamentary committee.

During his presentation to law students on January 10, 2008, he talked casually about personal matters, like being a normal person who unloads his dishwasher. He also talked about more serious topics, like the development of a parliamentary hearing process for appointing judges in Canada. "Publicizing the process is more people friendly and shows that judges are ordinary people," said Justice Rothstein, drawing largely on his recent experience with the process. "I also recognize the risks of beginning parliamentary hearings." He recommends following the model used in case, which avoided asking questions that were highly political, in order to make the process a beneficial one.

Law Hour is a student organized, student run regular meeting that invites speakers on a range of topics to come to the law school and speak with students. This year's chair of the Law Hour Committee is second year student, Adam Picotte.