

Media Notice

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## Commissioner Cavoukian to Issue Pivotal Order – Holding Monday Press Conference on Excessive Juror Vetting

**Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner, Dr. Ann Cavoukian**, is issuing an Order and releasing a series of sweeping recommendations Monday following her four-month investigation into background checks conducted on prospective jurors for Crown attorneys.

The methodology for her comprehensive investigation included, in part:

- On-site interviews with court staff, Crown Attorneys, police officials and defence counsel in four different parts of Ontario;
- A detailed, 20-page province-wide survey of all 55 Crown attorney offices;
- Seeking and receiving sworn affidavits from senior Crown attorneys;
- Arranging for an independent review, with the assistance of **Auditor-General Jim McCarter**, to verify the document capture process; and
- Receiving legal submissions from the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Criminal Lawyer's Association, the University of Toronto's David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

### NEWS CONFERENCE

Complete details on the extent of the investigation and what was found, as well as her Order, her 22 recommendations and a news release, are being released at **1:15 p.m. Monday (October 5)** on the Commissioner's website, [www.ipc.on.ca](http://www.ipc.on.ca); and at the Queen's Park Press Gallery in Toronto, where the Commissioner is holding **a news conference at 1:30 p.m.**

The news release is also being distributed across Ontario by Canada News Wire at 1:15 p.m. Monday. Any member of the media who would like to receive the news release by e-mail at approximately that time can send an e-mail to [jason.papadimos@ipc.on.ca](mailto:jason.papadimos@ipc.on.ca) to be added to our direct e-mail distribution list.

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