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#### **International Symposium on Hate on the Internet**

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Michael Bernstein is the Deputy Director (Prosecutions) for the Crown Law Office - Criminal for the Ministry of the Attorney General for Ontario. He is responsible for a variety of matters, including the review, assignment and supervision of prosecutions conducted by Crown Counsel in his office. He is a designated resource person and a co-ordinator for the Ministry in the area of Hate Propaganda and Bias Motivated Offences. He has lectured extensively in this area.

A. Alan Borovoy has served as the General Counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association since 1968. Between 1992 and 1996, he was a fortnightly columnist for the Toronto Star. He has a long history of involvement on a professional and personal level with human rights organizations, including the National Committee for Human Rights of the Canadian Labour Congress and the Ontario Committee for human rights. He has frequently appeared in the media, commenting on a variety of issues, and has authored numerous publications, including two books, When Freedoms Collide - A Case for our Civil Liberties, and Uncivil Obedience - The Tactics and Tales of a Democratic Agitator. In 1982, he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada, and has been awarded four honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees.

Irwin Cotler is a Professor of Law at McGill University and a member of its Institute of Comparative Law and Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law. He is the recipient of Honorary Doctorates from Bar-Ilan, Simon Fraser, Hebrew, Haifa, and York Universities. A constitutional and comparative law scholar, he has litigated every section of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, including landmark cases in the areas of free speech, women's rights, minority rights, war crimes justice, and peace law. As an international human rights lawyer, he served as Counsel to former Prisoners of Conscience in the former Soviet Union, South Africa, and Latin America. A noted peace activist, Prof. Cotler has been a leader in the movement for arms control, and has helped to develop "Peace Law" as an area of both academic inquiry and legal advocacy. In 1992, he was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Canada.