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## Louis Riel Day Commemoration 2005

### The Honour of the Crown – Evolving from Incantation to Practice

"The honour of the Crown ... is not a mere incantation, but rather a core precept that finds its application in concrete practice." - Supreme Court of Canada in *Haida Nation*

In its recent decisions in *Haida Nation* and *Taku River*, the Supreme Court of Canada confirmed that the Crown's duty to act honourably is enshrined in section 35(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982* and it applies to all government dealings with Aboriginal peoples. Since September 2003, with the decision in *R. v. Powley*, the highest law of the land has recognized that the Métis people have existing rights protected by s. 35(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. The panel representing the Métis and First Nation communities and legal experts will discuss how the "honour of Crown" has been evolving in the Métis context from a political, legal and on-the-ground perspective. The discussion will also focus on how this honourable duty is owed equally to the Métis as well as to other Aboriginal peoples.

The panel will include:

- Tony Belcourt (Métis Nation of Ontario President, Métis perspective)
- Jean Teillet (Lawyer, Pape & Salter, Legal perspective - Ontario)
- Jason Madden (Chief of Strategic Operations and General Counsel, Métis National Council, Legal perspective - National)
- Louise Goulding (Captain of the Hunt, On-the-ground perspective of a Métis Harvester)
- Representative from Anishinabek First Nations (First Nation perspective)

**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Convocation Hall**

**4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Join us for a reception to commemorate Louis Riel Day following the panel discussion at 6:00 p.m. in Convocation Hall.**

**Admission is free.**

**RSVP to attend by calling 416-947-3300 ext. 3413**

**For more information, please contact Marisha Roman at the Law Society of Upper Canada: 416-947-3989.**

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