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**Law Union of Ontario**

***2006 Annual Conference***

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**FRIDAY, March 24 - 7:30 p.m. keynote speech:**

***"Finding a balance? Human rights, national  
security and the role of law and lawyers"***

**PAUL CAVALLUZZO** - human rights lawyer  
(speaking personally, not as counsel to the Arar Inquiry)  
*COMMENT: Paul Copeland AND Barbara Jackman*

**OISE Auditorium, 252 Bloor St. W.**

(at St. George subway station)

Wheelchair accessible \* Childcare available on request

***AFTER: socialize at Fox and Fiddle pub, 280 Bloor St. W.***

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**SATURDAY, March 25 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. @ OISE**

*Panels and a plenary, lunch break and an opportunity for  
informal mentoring for law, law clerk, and paralegal students*

- PANELS** \* Labour Law and Workplace Safety
- \* Immigration Law: More of the Same Old Problems
  - \* Fighting Canadian Corporations and Environmental Crimes
  - \* Capitalizing the Earth: Environmental Crediting and First Nations
    - \* Paralegals and Politics: Regulating Paralegals
  - \* Racialized Justice and Colonial Violence against Native Women
  - \* What a Democracy Looks Like: Democratic Reform in Canada
  - \* Proposed Changes to the Ontario Human Rights Commission
    - \* Race, Crime and Mandatory Minimum Sentencing

**PLENARY: *"Torture: How Can We Fight It?"***

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# THE LAW UNION OF ONTARIO

is an organization of progressive lawyers, legal workers  
and law students. We have active campaigns on:

## *Police misconduct*

The Law Union has made submissions to the Toronto Police Services Board promoting the creation of a civilian complaint review board, police accountability for misuse of force and other important issues.

## *First Nations solidarity*

The Law Union has standing at the Dudley George Inquiry, which is looking into the 1995 shooting of Stoney Point First Nation activist Dudley George by the Ontario Provincial Police. We often intervene on the side of justice for First Nations.

## *National security*

The Law Union also has standing at the Maher Arar Inquiry, looking into the torture and detention of a Canadian citizen in Syria following his removal from the United States with possible Canadian complicity.

## *Demonstration support/mass defence*

The Law Union intervenes to defend activists arrested at demonstrations and civil disobedience actions, as well as producing materials such as our acclaimed *Offence/Defence* manual to assist activists in knowing their legal rights.

## *Homelessness and poverty*

The Law Union supports initiatives like the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty's "Provincial Offence Ticket program," which defends homeless people given tickets by police who harass those without shelter.

*We also work on other progressive issues such as disability, immigrants' and workers' rights, environmental justice, women's and gay & lesbian struggles, legal aid and access to legal education.*

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