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# PUTTING TRIALS ON TRIAL: SEXUAL ASSAULT AND THE FAILURE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

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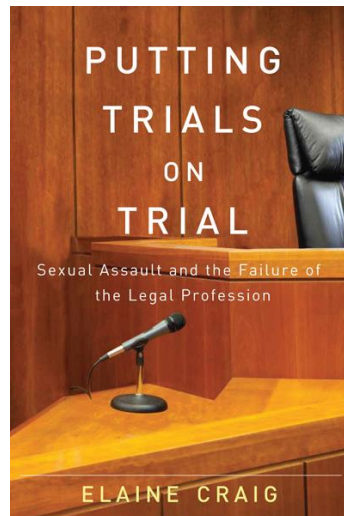
*Elaine Craig provides an even-handed account of the ways in which the legal profession unnecessarily-and sometimes unlawfully - contributes to the trauma and re-victimization experienced by those who testify as sexual assault complainants. Gathering conclusive evidence from interviews with experienced lawyers across Canada, reported case law, lawyer memoirs, recent trial transcripts, and defence lawyers' public statements and commercial advertisements, Putting Trials on Trial demonstrates that - despite prominent contestations - complainants are regularly subjected to abusive, humiliating, and discriminatory treatment when they turn to the law to respond to sexual violations.*

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