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ACCESS TO JUSTICE WEEK

WHAT WOULD ACCESS TO JUSTICE LOOK LIKE FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

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SPECIALIZATION

While the rates of violent crimes in Canada have decreased by 20%, sexual assault rates have not. One in three women report having been sexually assaulted since age 16, and Indigenous women are three times more likely to be sexually assaulted than other women. At the same time, women's social movements and the media have increased awareness about the lack of reporting of incidents of sexual violence, inadequate police investigation of these crimes, the deficit of criminal convictions, and other significant failures of the justice system for victims. Speaking from personal experience as well as from her recent research, Professor Julie Macfarlane addresses these justice failings and asks what would access to justice look like for victims of sexual violence.

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Professor Macfarlane has published widely in the area of conflict resolution, mediation, and legal practice. She has worked for many years as a mediator and consultant to government on dispute resolution. Her current project, the National Self-Represented Litigants Project, investigates causes, growth, and solutions for Canada's self-represented litigant phenomenon. She is the author of *The New Lawyer: How Clients Are Transforming the Practice of Law* (2nd ed), *Dispute Resolution: Readings and Case Studies* (4th ed), and *Islamic Divorce in North America: A Shari'a Path in a Secular Society*. Since 2014, Professor Macfarlane has also publicly shared her own experiences and advocated change in institutional and legal processes for confronting sexual violence.

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