



The Toronto Whiff of Grape

James Lockyer, LLD

April 27, 2010



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Wrongful Convictions in Canada

James Lockyer obtained his LLB at the [University of Nottingham](#) in 1971 and is a member of the Bar in England and the [Law Society of Upper Canada](#). From 1972 until 1977, he was an Assistant Professor at the Law Faculties of [McGill University](#) and the [University of Windsor](#), teaching corporate and civil law. He also helped to organize demonstrations against local landlords and the Chilean junta of Augusto Pinochet.

He is a founding director of the [Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted](#) (AIDWYC), a Canada-wide organization that advocates for the wrongly convicted. In that capacity, he has been a "tireless defender of the underdog", involved in exposing more than ten wrongful convictions in Canada, including those of [Guy Paul Morin](#), [David Milgaard](#), [Robert Baltovich](#), Peter Frumusa, Gordon Folland, [James Driskell](#), [Clayton Johnson](#), [Steven Truscott](#), Kyle Unger, [William Mullins-Johnson](#), [Romeo Phillion](#), [Erin Walsh](#), Sherry Sherett-Robinson and [Anthony Hanemaayer](#). The Globe and Mail hailed him as one of the **TOP 10 OF 2000-2009**, a **NATION BUILDER OF THE DECADE** – "In a nation that has become known globally for rooting out miscarriages of justice, Mr. Lockyer's dedication, work ethic and dominant role go unquestioned."



As well as being a Director of AIDWYC, he has held various other positions over the years, including being a member of [the Board](#) for 23 years of [New Leaf](#), an agency that provides homes for the developmentally disabled in Newmarket, Ontario. James has received numerous degrees and awards:

- Doctorate of Laws (honoris causa) from [Assumption University](#), (2004)
- The 2004 Criminal Justice Award ([the G. Arthur Martin Medal](#)) for his contribution to criminal justice in Canada.
- Honorary [Doctorate of Laws from the Law Society of Upper Canada](#). (2005)
- The 2005 [John Howard Society of Ontario's](#) Award for *Distinguished Humanitarian Service*.
- [Honorary Doctorate from Guelph University](#) (2007)
- [Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Victoria](#) (2009)

Lockyer has also twice been a candidate for the New Democratic Party. He ran federally in the Toronto riding of [St. Paul's](#), in both the 1979 and 1980 federal elections.

James Lockyer is a great speaker and very engaging. This event is a great way to end off our 2009/10 campaign at the B&R! See you on the 27th.

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