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# HIV Disclosure and the Law: Criminalization, Discrimination and Privacy

## Legal issues workshop for the Thunder Bay legal community, hosted by the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and AIDS Thunder Bay

There are over 300 people living with HIV in the Thunder Bay area, with 15–25 new cases of HIV infection reported every year in Northwestern Ontario. The prevalence of HIV in the Thunder Bay area brings with it a range of legal and human rights issues that need your attention. Join us for a discussion of some legal issues that affect people vulnerable to and living with HIV in your community.

<b>Who</b>	<b>Richard Elliott</b> , Executive Director of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network. A civil litigator before joining the Legal Network, he has appeared before all levels of Ontario courts, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada in the first case on criminal charges for not disclosing HIV-positive status. He has written and spoken extensively on legal issues related to HIV/AIDS, including those affecting low-income and marginalized communities throughout Ontario.
<b>What</b>	<b>“HIV Disclosure and the Law”</b> — a look at some common questions and current controversies in how various aspects of the law regulate when, how and to whom disclosure of a person’s HIV status is, or is not, required or justified. Learn more about HIV, and about some key legal issues faced by people living with HIV, so you can provide sound legal advice and better meet the needs of people living in your community who need your legal support.
<b>Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The basics of HIV and their legal relevance</li> <li>▪ Criminal charges against people with HIV for not disclosing: state of the law and science</li> <li>▪ HIV disclosure and discrimination in settings such as employment, services, and housing</li> <li>▪ HIV disclosure and the “duty to warn”</li> </ul>

**Wednesday, October 7, 2009**  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### The Valhalla Inn — The Fireside Room

1 Valhalla Inn Road, Thunder Bay  
(Just off Arthur Street West near Highway 61 — close to the airport)

**Registration Fee:** \$45.00

(includes 5 issues of the *HIV/AIDS Policy & Law Review* and other materials)

**Register by September 30, 2009**

To register, please e-mail completed form to Lindsey Amèrica-Simms at [lsimms@aidslaw.ca](mailto:lsimms@aidslaw.ca)



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### About the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network ([www.aidslaw.ca](http://www.aidslaw.ca)) promotes the human rights of people living with and vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, in Canada and internationally, through research, legal and policy analysis, education, and community mobilization. The Legal Network is Canada’s leading advocacy organization working on the legal and human rights issues raised by HIV/AIDS.