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## **Western University Law professor Richard H. McLaren Named London Sportsperson of the Year**

Richard McLaren's contributions to a groundbreaking investigation into state-sponsored doping at and surrounding the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics has earned the Western University law professor another honour: London Sportsperson of the Year.

McLaren will speak at the 61st annual London Sports Celebrity Dinner & Auction February 13, 2017 at the Western Fair District's Metroland Media Agriplex. The event is a long-standing fundraiser for the Thames Valley Children's Centre (TVCC), a regional rehabilitation centre for children with physical, communication or developmental needs.

McLaren says, "The TVCC provides young people with the support and encouragement they need to overcome their challenges. For our community and the 8,000 children, youth and their families that they help, the women and men who work at TVCC are true Olympic champions. I am proud to be associated with them and grateful for this honour."

Today's announcement follows up previous news that Toronto Blue Jays legend Roberto Alomar, Canadian wrestling icon Bret Hart, and NHL All Star John Scott will be supporting the TVCC by attending the upcoming event.

Besides hearing from a great lineup of guests, participants can also expect excellent silent and live auctions packed with sports memorabilia, event packages, and other prizes. And just like last year, two tiers of ticket options are available, making the long-standing event accessible for everyone.

Tickets are on sale now. Dinner tickets are \$150 each or \$1,200 for a table of eight. Bleacher seats in the Agriplex are \$20 and do not include dinner.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.ldnsportsdinner.com](http://www.ldnsportsdinner.com)

A full biography of Richard McLaren can be found below and a photo is attached.

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## **Richard H. McLaren**

Richard McLaren is Senior Professor of Law at Western University where he teaches in the areas Alternative Dispute Resolution, Contracts, Banking, Commercial Law, Secured Financing, Real Property Financing, Debtor-Creditor Rights, Sports Law, Bankruptcy and Insolvency and Business Law. He has published in a wide range of areas, including sports dispute resolution and business law. He is also Counsel to McKenzie Lake Lawyers LLP and has extensive practical experience as a commercial lawyer and a labour and commercial arbitrator and mediator and international investigator. He is also a founder and CEO of McLaren Global Sport Solutions Inc. a company directed at ethical issues in governance and integrity in sport.

McLaren is involved in the adjudication of sports-related disputes at both the amateur and professional level. As a member and Arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS), he has arbitrated key sport cases throughout the world. As an Ad Hoc Panel Member of CAS, he has participated in five Olympic Games during which he resolved disputes pertaining to anti-doping, athlete eligibility and intellectual property rights. He is a Member of the Anti-Doping Panel for the International Cricket Council, the European and PGA Tours and many other sporting organisations including the CFL. In 2011 he was appointed the President of the Basketball Arbitration Tribunal seated in Geneva Switzerland and an independent adjudicative body of FIBA.

McLaren was the founder of the pilot Canadian ADRsportRed dispute resolution program which later evolved into the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre for Canada. He worked on the policy development and drafted the Code of Arbitration and served as its Co-Chief Arbitrator for the inaugural three years until 2006.

He has served with distinction as an arbitrator for the National Hockey League salary arbitrations and Player/Agent disputes for the NHL Players' Association. He was appointed Chairman of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Doping Control to investigate allegations against certain American track and field athletes (Report July 2001) and served for six years as Chairman of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Anti-Doping Tribunal until 2006 when the ATP Doping Programme was transferred to the International Tennis Federation. He is currently an Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer for world professional tennis.

In December 2014, he was appointed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to a three person commission investigate allegations of widespread, systematic doping and cover-ups in Russia athletics and the related Russian and International Athletics federations. In May 2016 he was appointed the Independent Person to investigate the swapping of urine samples at the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi and his reports of July and December have attracted worldwide attention.