

THE
JUDICIARY
AND IP IN THE
21ST CENTURY

HON ROGER HUGHES
FEDERAL COURT OF CANADA



Increasing Use of Technology

- In the Registry
 - Electronic filing-
 - serving documents-
 - storage and retrieval

- In the Court Room

- Electronic display
- Electronic modelling
- Videoconferencing
- Video linking of lawyers and witnesses



SPEEDING UP DISPOSITION OF CASES

- Enforcing time limits
- Restricting discovery
- Increased case management
- Early fixing of trial dates



EXPERTS

- Judicial “push back” against experts seeking to assume the judicial function
- Hot Tubbing

Increased Judicial Awareness

- More education
- More communication between ourselves
- More communication with the bar the academics and stakeholders
- More “savvy” law clerks

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS

- Awareness of jurisprudential awareness in other countries
- Respect for findings of other courts particularly factual findings in similar circumstances
- Increased mixing and mingling

SPECIALIZED COURTS

- pushback

