



## Trial by Jury

- Under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, individuals accused of the most serious criminal offences generally have the right to choose to be tried by a jury or by a judge alone.
  - Sentencing is left to the judge.
- Jury trials in civil litigation are rare. Trial courts have broad discretion to strike jury demands.
  - Cf. U.S., where jury trials in tort cases are the norm.









• Traditionally, of the other six judges, three come from Ontario, two from western Canada, and one from the Atlantic provinces.







