

## CNO Announces New Director of Investigations & Hearings



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**(Monday, February 19, 2007)** — The College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) is pleased to announce the appointment of Karen McGovern, RN, LLB, as its new Director, Investigations & Hearings. Karen will assume her new position on April 9, 2007.

Karen holds a baccalaureate in nursing from the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon and a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University in Halifax. Since joining the College 11 years ago, she has made contributions in a variety of positions, as Investigator, Prosecutions Liaison, Manager of Hearings and currently as Manager of Investigations. Karen is active with the Federation of Health Regulatory Colleges. She has chaired and co-led several key initiatives and presented at Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation conferences and the Professional Regulation Summit.

“We are delighted to have Karen join our Directors’ Group,” says Anne Coghlan, the College’s Executive Director. “Karen’s regulatory expertise, leadership experience and demonstrated commitment to CNO’s mandate position her well to lead the Investigations & Hearings department.”

As Director, Karen will provide strategic leadership in the enforcement function of the College’s regulatory mandate. The Investigations & Hearings team ensures that nurses practise in accordance with College standards by investigating and resolving complaints or reports, and conducting disciplinary and fitness-to-practise hearings.

The College of Nurses of Ontario regulates the province’s 145,000 nurses. Its mission is to protect the public’s right to quality nursing services by providing leadership to the nursing profession in self-regulation.

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