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David Lepofsky's Carole Riback Memorial Lecture on Effective Advocacy on Disability Issues

On November 7, 2007, AODA Alliance member and former chair of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act Committee, David Lepofsky, delivered a one hour lecture at Osgoode Hall Law School, which he named the "Carole Riback Memorial Lecture". Please see below to enjoy and learn from this presentation.

[Carole Riback Memorial Lecture by David Lepofsky, November 7 2007](#) (MP3 format, 15.7 MB)

This presentation gives you lots of tips on how to do effective grass-roots organizing and advocacy on disability issues. You can learn from the experience of those who fought for enactment of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

While the lecture was given at a law school, you certainly don't have to be a lawyer or law student to enjoy it and benefit from it. It's designed to be informative for anyone, whether you're from Ontario or elsewhere, whether or not you've got a background in disability issues.

David Lepofsky dedicated this lecture in memory of the tireless, powerful and unstoppable disability rights advocate, Ms. Carole Riback. Sadly, Ms. Riback died on October 15, 2007 at age 51, after enduring an extraordinary matrix of health challenges.

Ms. Riback was a key player in the decade-long fight for the passage of strong disability accessibility legislation in Ontario. This lecture points to many of her skills and her activities as an excellent illustration of how one person can make a huge difference. Mr. Lepofsky hopes that this lecture will be part of Carole Riback's enduring legacy for persons with disabilities. It is hoped that it will inspire others to follow in Ms. Riback's footsteps or wheelchair tracks, blazing new trails on the road to a barrier-free society for all persons with disabilities.

There are so many who, like Carole, have generously volunteered their time and energy to help our cause. What Mr. Lepofsky says in this lecture can equally be said of so many to whom we are all so indebted.

