

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Professional Experience

Called to bar: July 27, 1984

Appointed Queen's Counsel: December 21, 2000 Partner at Waterbury Newton since 1992 and associate lawyer for seven years previously

- Preferred areas of practice include Wills and Estates, Elder Law, Corporate/Commercial and Real Estate
- Counsel for Department of Health in Adult Protection matters in Kings and Annapolis Counties
- Former Agent for Quieting of Titles matters in Kings County
- Counsel for Black Business Initiative Society, Black Business Community Investment Fund Limited, Black Business Enterprises Limited, and Black Business Consulting Limited
- Former counsel for Chicken Farmers of Nova Scotia 1985-2005 Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission - contract lawyer in Amherst office 1984-1985 handling criminal and family matters

Department of Justice (Canada) - articling clerk at Atlantic Regional Office 1983-1984 with emphasis on criminal and civil litigation, including drug and fisheries prosecutions

## Post-Secondary Education

Attended Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia 1977-1983  
Graduated with Bachelor of Laws in 1983 and Bachelor of Arts with distinction in 1980  
Elected to Student Council in third-year law, served on Faculty Council, was a Legal Writing Assistant

Completed two six-week French immersion courses with Université de Chicoutimi (1979 in northern Quebec) and University of Western Ontario (1978 in Trois-Pistoles, Quebec)

## Professional Associations and Activities

### Canadian Bar Association - National

- Member since 1980
- Vice-Chair of Women Lawyers Forum (2008 to present)
- Secretary of Women Lawyers Forum (2007 - 2008)
- Member of Elder Law Section Executive Committee (2007 - present)
- Member of Standing Committee on Equity (2006-2008)
- Chair of Resolutions, Constitution and By-laws Committee (2004-2006)
- Vice-Chair of Resolutions, Constitution and By-laws Committee (2002-2004)
- Member of Resolutions, Constitution and By-laws Committee (2000-2006)
- Chair of Law Day Standing Committee (2002-2004)
- Board of Directors member (1999-2000)
- Law for the Future Fund Board of Directors member (1999-2000)
- Member of Nominating Committee (1999-2000)
- Chair of Branch Presidents and Vice-Presidents Committee (1999-2000)
- Member of Annual Meeting 2000 committee - CLE Liaison

### Canadian Bar Association - Nova Scotia Branch

- Elected Member of Council (1992-2004; 2007-present)
- Member of Law Day 2008 Committee (organized mock trial for high school students at Kentville Justice Centre)
- Co-organizer of Professional Development Seminar for Legal Support Staff on Probate, Wills and Estates October 19, 2007
- Co-organizer of Professional Development Seminar on Real Estate Practice for Legal Assistants November 24, 2006

- CBA Representative on Nova Scotia Advisory Committee on Federal Judicial Appointments (2002-2004)
- Law Day Co-Chair (2002-2004)
- Organizer of Professional Development Seminar for Family and Property Para-Legals March 7, 2003
- Chair of Nominating Committee (2001-2002)
- Member of Nominating Committee (2000-2003)
- President (1999-2000)
- Vice President and Chair of Professional Development Committee (1998-1999)
- Treasurer (1997-1998)
- Communications Chair (1996-1997)
- Member of Professional Development Committee (1994-1999)
- Member of Standing Committee on Equality (1994-1997)
- Member of Mandate Review Committee (1992-1993)
- Speaker for various Law Day activities

#### Nova Scotia Barristers Society

- Member since 1984
- Member of Continuing Competence Task Force (2005 - 2007)
- Member of Gender Equality Committee (1998-2002)
- Member of Bar Council (1998-2000)
- Past member of Library and Law News Committee
- Presenter at Bar Refresher course January, 1994

#### Kings County Barristers Society

- Member (1985 -2001, 2003 - present)
- President (1999-2000)
- Past Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Probate Committee

#### Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission

- Director (2006 - present)
- Member of Eligibility Committee (2006-present)
- Member of Administrative/Poverty Law Committee (2008-present)

#### Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia (formerly Public Legal Education Society)

- Past Member of Speaker's Bureau
- Past Participant in Lawyer Referral Service program

#### Continuing Legal Education Society (Nova Scotia)

- Past Director
- Presenter at Wills Seminar April, 1993

#### Community Involvement

##### Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise ([www.clubrunner.ca](http://www.clubrunner.ca) and [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))

- Charter member (2000 - present)
- Director of Vocational Service (2007-present)
- Secretary (2003-2004)
- Vice-President (2002-2003)
- Director of Community Service (2001-2002)

##### Valley Regional Hospital Foundation ([www.vrhfoundation.ca](http://www.vrhfoundation.ca))

- Board member (1994 - present)
- President (2004 - 2007)
- Vice-President (2001- 2004)
- Secretary-Treasurer (1997-2001)
- Member of Finance Committee
- Past Chair and Member of Planned Giving Committee

##### Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce (formerly Kentville & Area Board of Trade) ([www.ekcc.ca](http://www.ekcc.ca))

- Member since 1987
- Past President, Secretary, Council and Nominating Committee member
- Past Chair of Women's History Month Essay Contest (five years)
- Past delegate to Kings County Work Education Council (Co-operative Education) and Annapolis Valley Affiliated Boards of Trade

Harmony, Incorporated ([www.harmonyinc.org](http://www.harmonyinc.org))

- Member of Valley Voices chapter in Kentville, Nova Scotia since 1986 (currently Bass Section Leader); served for many years as Assistant Musical Director and in various Board and committee positions, including two years as Chapter President
- Elected member of International Board of Directors (1997-2006)
- International President (2004-2006)
- Vice-President Administration (2004)
- Music Administrator (2003-2004)
- Education Administrator (2002-2003)
- Vice President Finance (2000-2002)
- 2nd Vice President (1999-2000)
- Member-at-Large Membership (1997-1999)
- Past Public Relations Coordinator for Area 1 Council in Atlantic Canada (1997-1999)

Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund ([www.singcanadaharmony.ca](http://www.singcanadaharmony.ca))

- Board member (2008- present)

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada ([www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca) and [www.girlguides.ns.ca](http://www.girlguides.ns.ca))

- Member since 1969
- Kings 1 Area Commissioner and member of Nova Scotia Provincial Council (2008 to present)
- Kings 1 Area Arts Adviser (2001 - 2008)
- Kings 1 Area Program Adviser (2006-2008)
- Kings 1 Area Treasurer (1997-2001)
- Pathfinder Unit Guider (1986-2002)
- Guide Unit Guider (1980-1986)
- Presenter of various educational sessions on legal and non-legal topics at adult training conferences
- Organizer and presenter of various programs for youth members

Arche Homefires Society, Wolfville ([www.larchehomefires.org](http://www.larchehomefires.org))

- Board member (2000 - 2007)

## Nova Scotia Gold Award Society, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

- Treasurer (2000-2001)
- Member since 1976

## Nova Scotia Association for Sexual Health (previously known as Planned Parenthood Association of Nova Scotia)

- Board member (1988-2000)
- Past Secretary and Treasurer

## Cumberland County Historical Society

- Member (1984 - 1985)

## Friends of the Citadel Society

- Director (1982 - 1984)

## Other

- Presenter for various community and professional organizations, including Innes, MacIntyre & Associates Life Planning & Pre Retirement Specialists, Women's Institute, Canadian Federation of University Women (Wolfville chapter), Annapolis Valley Real Estate Board, Valley Health Services Association, Housing Assistance Non-Profit Development Society, Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia (Valley Chapter), Nova Scotia Teachers' Union; public schools, Nova Scotia Community College (Kingstec Campus) and Acadia University; government employees; Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada; and members of the public

## Awards

- Girl Guides of Canada Letter of Commendation (2008)
- Girl Guides of Canada Gold Merit Award (2004)
- Canadian Bar Association - Nova Scotia Branch Distinguished Service Award (2004)
- Girl Guides of Canada Silver Merit Award (2000)
- Girl Guides of Canada Gold Thanks Award (1998)
- Kings County Outstanding Business Person Award - 1998
- Annapolis Valley Affiliated Boards of Trade Executive Manager's Award - 1989
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award - 1976

