

Biographies of the recipients of 2015 Law Society Awards

Craig R. Carter, CS — Law Society Medal recipient

Craig R. Carter, CS, is a partner with the Toronto law firm Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP where he has practiced for 30 years. He is a Certified Specialist in real estate law and is accepted by the Courts of Ontario as an expert on real estate issues.

He earned his Master of Laws (LLM) at Osgoode Hall Law School in 1986, and his Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Toronto in 1977. He was called to the Bar in 1979.

Carter is dedicated to real estate legal education and is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School (2007-present), sessional professor at Queen's University Law School (2007-present) and professor in Osgoode Hall's LLM in Real Estate and Banking. He created and chairs the Law Society's Six-Minute Real Estate Lawyer program. Carter has presented extensively in continuing legal education over the last 25 years.

Considered one of the preeminent leaders in the real estate law field, Carter was the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Real Estate from the Ontario Bar Association, in 2001. In addition, he has consistently appeared on the peer-review list *Best Lawyers® in Canada* and *L'Expert* as an outstanding lawyer in real estate law.

Professor Adam M. Dodek — Law Society Medal recipient

Canadian Lawyer named Professor Adam M. Dodek one of Canada's Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers for 2014, calling him "a Canadian champion for legal professionalism and legal ethics." He is considered one of Canada's leading scholars and public intellectuals in public law and legal ethics, co-founding the Canadian Association for Legal Ethics in 2011 and the Canadian Legal Ethics Listserv in 2010.

At the University of Ottawa, Dodek teaches public law, legal ethics, and a seminar on the Supreme Court of Canada. He has been instrumental in the formation of numerous academic initiatives, including The Public Law Group, Canada's first Professionalism Speaker Series and The Legal Writing Academy. In 2012, he was awarded the Capital Educators Award as one of the top teachers in Ottawa. He is the author of more than 50 academic articles, book chapters and professional reports and has written or co-edited seven books, including *The Canadian Constitution* and *Solicitor-Client Privilege*.

He earned a BA from McGill University, a JD from Harvard Law School, *magna cum laude*, and an LLM from the University of Toronto. A Fulbright Scholar, Dodek clerked for the Supreme Courts of Canada and Israel, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Susan Eng — Law Society Medal recipient

Susan Eng graduated with a law degree from Osgoode Faculty of Law. She was called to the Bar in 1977 at a time when there were few women in the legal profession and ever fewer women of colour.

Appointed to the Metropolitan Toronto Police Services Board (TPSB) in 1989 and serving as its chair from 1991-95, Eng is the first (and so far only) Chinese Canadian to head the TPSB.

Eng is vice president for advocacy at CARP, the national, non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to advocating for social change. Under her leadership, CARP Advocacy has helped to shape the public discourse on key issues such as pension reform, investor protection, mandatory retirement, workplace age discrimination, home care and age friendly cities. CARP has become a trusted source of public policy input at all levels of government and the media. In 2012, Susan was named one of the *The Hill Times*' Top 100 Lobbyists.

Eng was co-chair of the Ontario Coalition of Chinese Head Tax Payers and Families where she help to formulate a political strategy for the Redress Campaign that culminated, in 2006, with a Parliamentary apology and redress for 62 years of legislated racism under the *Head Tax and Exclusion Acts*.

Faisal Joseph — Law Society Medal recipient

A partner at Lerner LLP in London, Ont., Faisal Joseph has demonstrated leadership, integrity and the highest skills in advocacy in his representation of clients whose cases do not garner the support of public opinion. He has often been the face and voice of the city's Muslim community and worked diligently to promote interfaith relationships.

Joseph has been active on the national and international stages on peace, security and human rights issues. He was counsel for one of the parties at the Commission of Inquiry into the Actions of Canadian Officials in Relation to Maher Arar, which was led by Dennis O'Connor, former Associate Chief Justice of Ontario and he spearheaded a \$2-million dollar Chair for Islamic Studies at Huron College University.

Joseph has more than 30 years of civil and criminal trial experience which includes both Federal/Provincial crown attorney and defence counsel in high profile and serious criminal cases at all levels of court in Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He is called to the bars of Nova Scotia (1986) and Ontario (1983). He earned his LLB from the University of New Brunswick (1985) and his BA from St. Francis Xavier University (1982).

He enjoys drumming in Lawyers Feed the Hungry concerts for charity.

In 2012, Joseph was honoured with both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for public service, and the Middlesex Law Association Award for Distinguished Service.

John B. Laskin — Law Society Medal recipient

Called to the Ontario Bar in 1979, John B. Laskin is a leading counsel in public law matters and business disputes. He is a senior litigation partner with Torys LLP, which he joined in 1982 after starting his legal career as a professor at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law.

Laskin earned an LLM from the University of California (1977), an LLB (Gold Medallist) from the University of Toronto (1976), and a BA (with distinction) from York University (1971). He was called to the Alberta Bar in 1987.

In his broad trial and appellate practice, he has represented individuals, corporations, federal and provincial governments and agencies, institutions, industry organizations, public interest groups and First Nations, and appeared in the Supreme Court, every level of court in Ontario, the courts of six other provinces, the Federal Courts, domestic and international arbitrations and administrative tribunals.

A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Laskin is recognized in both national and international rankings. He served as President of the University of Toronto Law Alumni Association and on the task force that led a successful effort to establish a law school at Lakehead University. His publications include *Canadian Charter of Rights Annotated* (co-editor).

H. J. Stewart Lavigueur — Law Society Medal recipient

H. J. Stewart Lavigueur was called to the Bar in 1978 and has been a sole practitioner in Eganville, Ont., in Renfrew County, for more than 30 years. His practice is the only law office in Eganville, with the closest lawyers located 30km away in the city of Pembroke and the town of Renfrew.

Lavigueur obtained his LLB from the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa (1976), and was called to the bar in 1978. He practised briefly in Pembroke before establishing his own practice in Eganville.

His is a classic small-town general practice ranging from criminal, family and civil litigation through a large volume of residential, farm, commercial and recreational real estate, to wills and estates and commercial work for local small businesses.

A resident of the Village of Golden Lake in his youth, Lavigueur is committed to serving the Aboriginal community — the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan located on the reserve adjacent to the Hamlet of Golden Lake — at the local legal aid clinic. He is well-known to the community, trusted and respected.

He is dedicated to the village of Eganville, giving his time and commitment to community endeavours and assisting neighbours and residents in need.

E. Patrick Shea, CS — Law Society Medal recipient

E. Patrick Shea, CS, was the force behind the recent and historic Law Society Honorary Call to the Bar held on November 10, 2014, at Osgoode Hall. The Call honoured 58 Ontario law students who died almost 100 years ago in the First World War and were never called to the Bar. Shea spearheaded this highly successful initiative, called the Great War Law Student Memorial Project. He worked tirelessly for more than a year researching and writing the book *They Shall Grow Not Old*, and finding relatives to attend the Honorary Call ceremony.

Shea is a Governor of the Air Cadet League of Canada in Ontario, a licensed pilot and a former officer in the Canadian Forces reserves. He is also a director of the St. John Ambulance Council for Ontario and ACCESS Community Capital Fund.

A partner with Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP in Toronto, Shea practises commercial law with a particular focus on the areas of bankruptcy and insolvency. He is a Certified Specialist in Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law. He is a past chair of the CBA Insolvency Section, vice-chair of the OBA Insolvency Section and sits on the CBA National Sections Council.

Chantal Tie — Law Society Medal recipient

Chantal Tie is an advocate, litigator and educator, dedicated to social justice and the defense of human rights. She wrote her LLM thesis on discrimination in Canadian immigration, and the same interest in the rights of immigrants, women and marginalized groups drives her advocacy and litigation work. She has represented individuals and organizations in rights-based litigation at all court levels, including among others, the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), Elizabeth Fry Society, Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) and Amnesty International.

Called to the Bar in 1982, Tie's interest in social justice extends beyond Canada, having worked for the Canadian Bar Association on justice projects in Bangladesh and China. She currently volunteers on collaborative projects with The Equality Effect, including a successful constitutional challenge in Kenya on behalf of 160 girl victims of rape.

She was Chair of the Court Challenges Program of Canada, Co-chair of LEAF's litigation committee and CCR's Inland Protection and is now on the Executive of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers.

For 21 years, she was Executive Director of South Ottawa Community Legal Services and is now counsel at the Ontario Human Rights Legal Support Centre. She teaches Immigration and Refugee Law at the University of Ottawa.

Lincoln Alexander Award recipient

Paul Le Vay

Paul Le Vay is a partner and a certified specialist in civil litigation with Stockwoods LLP, where he has practised for 25 years. His areas of expertise include corporate-commercial and securities litigation and professional liability and regulation. Le Vay is bilingual and practices in both English and French.

Le Vay is past president of *L'Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario* (AJEFO). During his mandate, AJEFO successfully accomplished many major goals, such as the development of a long-term strategic plan and raising its profile and diversifying its projects and initiatives. Le Vay and AJEFO's board of directors embraced an ambitious vision to fulfil AJEFO's mandate to promote access to justice.

Le Vay co-chaired the French Language Services Bench and Bar Advisory Committee, mandated by the ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario to improve access to justice in French before the Ontario Courts. He shows a deep commitment to improving access to justice in French in Ontario.

A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, he was called to the Ontario Bar in 1988. He earned his LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School (1985), and a *Diplôme d'études approfondies* from Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, France (1988).

Laura Legge Award recipient

Kimberly Murray

Kimberly Murray is a member of the Kahnésatake Mohawk Nation. She is the executive director of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) and has worked to ensure that survivors of Canada's Indian Residential Schools system are heard and remembered. Her goal has been to promote reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and to create a new relationship that is based on mutual understanding and respect.

Prior to joining the TRC, Murray was staff lawyer and then executive director of Aboriginal Legal Services Toronto (1995-2010). She became known for her perseverance, commitment to social justice and ethical lawyering. She received her LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1993, and was called to the Bar in 1995.

She was instructing counsel at the Ipperwash Inquiry, counsel at the Goudge Inquiry and made an important contribution to the creation of the Gladue Courts.

Murray sat on the Board of the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted and serves on the Law Society's Aboriginal Working Group.

On April 1, 2015, she will become the Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Aboriginal Justice Division, where she will be responsible for overseeing the Ontario government's response to the Iacobucci Report, *First Nations Representation on Ontario Juries*.

William J. Simpson Distinguished Paralegal Award

W. Paul Dray

W. Paul Dray was the first-ever paralegal benchler of the Law Society, appointed by the Attorney General in 2003. He was instrumental in creating the framework for paralegal governance and professional development in Ontario (2003-14).

Dray began his career as a police officer, serving with Peel Regional Police for 13 years (1968-81). He went on to the City of Brampton (1981-2005), where he held many positions, including Manager of Prosecutions – Legal Services and member of the project team for the Provincial Offences Court for the City of Brampton.

In 1992, Dray founded and was 10-year president of the Prosecutors' Association of Ontario (PAO), which provides training in technical and ethical standards to both lawyer and non-lawyer prosecutors. He also served as president of the Professional Paralegal Association of Ontario (PPAO) for 3½ years, brought in to work with the Law Society and the Ontario government toward paralegal regulation. The PPAO was instrumental in developing the criteria for the 2004 report to Convocation by the Task Force on Paralegal Regulation.

Since 2005, he has been the sole practitioner of Paul Dray Legal Services Professional Corporation, where he specializes in *Provincial Offences Act* prosecutions and educational training.