

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

Beverley McLachlin

PC, CC, CStJ, FCI Arb

The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin served as Chief Justice of Canada from 2000 to mid-December 2017. In the summer of 2018, Ms. McLachlin became a Member Arbitrator at Arbitration Place.

Ms. McLachlin works as an arbitrator and mediator in Canada and internationally. She brings to those forms of dispute resolution her broad and deep experience for over 35 years in deciding a wide range of business law and public law disputes, in both common law and civil law; her ability to work in both English and French; and her experience and skill in leading and consensus-building for many years as the head of a diverse nine-member court.

Ms. McLachlin also sits as a Justice of Singapore's International Commercial Court and the Hong Kong Final Court of Appeal.

Her judicial career began in 1981 in the province of British Columbia, Canada. She was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia (a court of first instance) later that year and was elevated to the British Columbia Court of Appeal in 1985. She was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in 1988 and seven months later, she was sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Ms. McLachlin is the first and only woman to be Chief Justice of Canada and she is Canada's longest serving Chief Justice.

The former Chief Justice chaired the Canadian Judicial Council, the Advisory Council of the Order of Canada and the Board of Governors of the National Judicial Institute.

In June 2018 she was appointed to the Order of Canada as a recipient of its highest accolade, Companion of the Order of Canada. She has received over 35 honorary degrees from universities in Canada and abroad, and numerous other honours and awards.

Ms. McLachlin is an Honorary Bencher of The Hon. Society of Gray's Inn, The Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn and The Middle Temple; Vice-President of The Law Society, University College Dublin; and an Honorary Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American College of Construction Lawyers, and the International Academy of Construction Lawyers.

Throughout her judicial career, Ms. McLachlin has been involved with countless areas of the Canadian legal system, both common law and civil law, and both private and public law, in English and French. In addition to working in those languages, she has limited fluency in German.



Ms. McLachlin is the author of numerous legal articles and publications, as well as a mystery novel, *Full Disclosure*, published in 2018.

The 2,094 Supreme Court of Canada judgments in which she participated - of which she wrote 442 - and her legal writings and speaking, include a wide range of subjects in corporate, construction, financial services, taxation, contract, tort, other areas of business law, as well as arbitration and mediation. Her legal texts include, as lead co-author, the first and second editions (1987 and 1994) of *The Canadian Law of Architecture and Engineering*. It is generally recognized that the judgments of the Supreme Court of Canada during her tenure have affirmed Canada as a jurisdiction that is very supportive of arbitration.

The former Chief Justice received a B.A. (Honours) in Philosophy in 1965 and both an M.A. in Philosophy and an LL.B in 1968 from the University of Alberta. She was called to the Alberta Bar in 1969 and to the British Columbia Bar in 1971. She practised law in Alberta and British Columbia. Commencing in 1974, she taught for seven years in the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia as a tenured Associate Professor.



BEVERLEY M. McLACHLIN

BIOGRAPHICAL

Place of Birth: Pincher Creek, Alberta

Date of Birth: September 7, 1943

Nationality: Canadian

EDUCATION

1949-1960 Pincher Creek Elementary School, Matthew Halton High School, Pincher Creek, Alberta

1965 University of Alberta
B.A. (Honours Philosophy)

1968 University of Alberta
M.A. (Philosophy)

1968 University of Alberta
LL.B.

LEGAL

1969 **Admitted to the Alberta Bar**

1971 **Admitted to British Columbia Bar**

1968-71 **Wood, Moir, Hyde and Ross, Edmonton, Alberta**
- Articled Student, 1968-69
- Lawyer, 1969-71

1971-72 **Thomas, Herdy, Mitchell and Co., Fort St. John, B.C.**
- Lawyer

1972-75 **Bull, Houser and Tupper, Vancouver, B.C.**
- Lawyer: 1972-75
- Consultant: 1972-74
- Associate: 1974-75

- 1974-81 **University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law**
 - Honorary Lecturer: 1974-75
 - Associate Professor: July 1, 1975-81
- 1981 **Appointed Judge of the County Court of Vancouver**
 - Province of British Columbia, April 9, 1981
- 1981 **Appointed Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia**
 - September 8, 1981
- 1985 **Appointed Justice of the British Columbia Court of Appeal**
 - December 5, 1985
- 1988 **Appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia**
 - September 7, 1988
- 1989 **Appointed Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada**
 - Sworn in, April 17, 1989
- 2000 **Appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada**
 - Sworn in, January 7, 2000
- 2018 **Appointed Non-Permanent Member of Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal**
 - March 21, 2018
- 2018 **Appointed International Justice of Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC)**
 - Sworn in, January 8, 2018
- 2018 **Joined Arbitration Place's Roster of Arbitrators**
 - July 24, 2018

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 1968 The Horace Harvey Gold Medal in Law
 Canada Law Book Company Prize
- 1990 University of British Columbia, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 1991 University of Alberta, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 1995 University of Toronto, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 1999 York University, LL.D. (Hon.)

- 2000 Law Society of Upper Canada, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2000 University of Ottawa, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2000 University of Calgary, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2000 Brock University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2000 Simon Fraser University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2000 University of Victoria, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2001 University of Lethbridge, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2001 Bridgewater State College, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2002 Mount Saint Vincent University, DHumL (Hon.)
- 2002 University of P.E.I., LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2002 Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal
- 2003 Université de Montréal, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2004 University of Manitoba, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2004 Queen's University Belfast, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2004 Dalhousie University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2004 Carleton University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2005 University of Maine at Fort Kent, LL.D (Hon.)
- 2006 Ateneo de Manila University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2007 Commander: Order of St. John
- 2007 Commandeur dans l'ordre de la Légion d'honneur
- 2010 Canadian Club, Canadian of the Year Award
- 2010 University of Windsor, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2010 University of Cape Breton, LL.D. (Hon.)

- 2010 Ryerson University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2010 Induction into the International Hall of Fame, Montreal, Quebec
- 2011 Queen's University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2011 Concordia University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2011 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers Achievement Award
- 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal
- 2012 Lakehead University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2012 University of Western Ontario, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2013 CIAJ Justice Medal
- 2014 Huron University College at Western, Medal of Distinction
- 2014 University of Edinburgh, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2014 University of Oklahoma, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2014 University of Victoria, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2015 Bishop University, Sherbrooke, Que., LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2016 New England Law | Boston, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2016 Laurentian University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2016 McGill University, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2017 Trinity Praeses Elit Award, Law Society of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
- 2017 Lethbridge College, Alberta, Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in Justice Studies (Hon.)
- 2017 Concordia University, Simone de Beauvoir Institute Prize
- 2017 Memorial University, Newfoundland, LL.D. (Hon.)
- 2017 Arthur G. Martin Award, Criminal Lawyers' Association

ASSOCIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

Chairperson, Canadian Judicial Council

Chairperson, Advisory Council of the Order of Canada

Chairperson, Board of Governors of the National Judicial Institute

Member of the Privy Council of Canada

Member of the Green College Advisory Board (2000- 2004)
(University of British Columbia)

Overseas Vice President, Selden Society

Honorary Bencher, The Hon. Society of Gray's Inn

Honorary Bencher, The Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn

Honorary Bencher, The Middle Temple

Honorary Fellow, American College of Construction Lawyers (February 2005)

Honorary Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Vice-President, The Law Society, University College Dublin (March 2010)

Honorary Member of the Board of the Canadian Centre for Technology (April 2010)

Honorary Chair of the World Justice Project (2012)

Honorary Fellow, International Academy of Construction Lawyers (2014)

Fellow of the Community Justice Centre (2015)

Visitor of Massey College, University of Toronto (2016)

Women in Law Forum, Honorary Lifetime Membership of the Society (2017)

Chartered Institute of International Arbitrators (2018)

International Chamber of Commerce, ICC International Court of Arbitration (2018)

London Court of International Arbitration (2018)

LANGUAGES

English and French

BOOKS

McLachlin, Beverley M. and J.P. Taylor. *British Columbia Practice*. 2nd ed. Vancouver: Butterworth, c1979-2006.

McLachlin, Beverley M. and J.P. Taylor. *British Columbia Court Forms*. Vancouver: Butterworths, 1985.

McLachlin, Beverley and Wilfred J. Wallace. *The Canadian Law of Architecture and Engineering*. Toronto: Butterworths, 1987.

McLachlin, Beverley, Wilfred J. Wallace and Arthur M. Grant. *The Canadian Law of Architecture and Engineering*. 2nd ed. Markham, Ont.: Butterworths, 1994.

Irvine, Frederick M.; original authors, Beverley M. McLachlin and James P. Taylor. *British Columbia practice*. 3rd ed. Markham, Ont.: LexisNexis Butterworths, c2006.