

CHAMBERS CANADA AWARDS 2015



THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2015 | MALAPARTE, TORONTO

THE WINNERS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: THE HONOURABLE YVES FORTIER CC QQ

Yves Fortier is a renowned trial lawyer and one of the most prominent arbitrators in the world.

Prior to establishing an independent practice, Mr Fortier was a senior partner at the Ogilvy Renault law firm before its combination with Norton Rose. He served as the Chairman of the firm from 1992-2009.

Mr Fortier has acted on numerous occasions for the Government of Canada, including in the Supreme Court of Canada Reference

concerning Quebec. He has also acted for the Government of Quebec and the Secretary General of the United Nations. From 1988-1992, he served as Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

Market sources report:

"He is the most sought after international arbitrator in the world."

"He is extremely prominent as a decision maker."

BANKING TEAM OF THE YEAR

Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

COMPETITION TEAM OF THE YEAR

Stikeman Elliott LLP

CORPORATE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP

DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM OF THE YEAR

Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP

EMPLOYMENT TEAM OF THE YEAR

Norton Rose Fulbright

ENERGY TEAM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones LLP

TAX TEAM OF THE YEAR

Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

REGIONAL LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Lawson Lundell LLP

CHAMBERS CANADA DIVERSITY AWARD: MCCARTHY TÉTRAULT

Chambers and Partners recognises litigation associates Élisabeth Brousseau and Roland Hung on behalf of McCarthy Tétrault, together with Lawyers Without Borders Canada (LWBC), for their work in relation to the advancement of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/Transsexual and Intersexed (LGBTI rights).

Their pro bono mission to Guatemala is indicative of a practical, useful and meaningful initiative that supports LGBTI communities both within the legal profession and far beyond.

Ms Brousseau is an associate in the firm's Montréal office with a practice in litigation and currently serves as the chair of the Canadian Bar Association's human rights conference. Mr Hung is an associate in the Calgary office with a practice in commercial litigation and is currently the chair of the Canadian Bar Association's privacy section in Alberta and an executive member of SOGIC in Calgary.

McCarthy Tétrault entered into a partnership with LWBC in 2008, and is the only major Canadian law firm to be granted the status of "Partner without Border" of LWBC.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION: IN-HOUSE

STEPHEN SIGURDSON, MANULIFE

Stephen Sigurdson is the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Manulife Financial. He is the Chief Legal Officer for Manulife globally. Prior to joining Manulife, he was a partner at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, where he played a number of important roles including Managing Partner of the firm.

Mr Sigurdson's extensive M&A experience includes overseeing Manulife's CAD4 billion acquisition of Standard Life Canada in 2014, a complicated multinational transaction in a highly regulated industry.

Both private practice and other in-house lawyers agree:

"Steve was respectful of the contributions of his colleagues at the table, never undercutting their authority, but quietly showing

real leadership. Clearly his team appreciated and respected his guidance.

He was calm and positive in negotiations, looking not to win every point, but to find a path that worked for all parties. Particularly where the parties were looking for a long term relationship, he demonstrated a tone that bodes well for the future."

"Steve is an ideal candidate. He embodies what a lot of lawyers would like to be, intelligent and with good judgement. If I had to have a GC on my side in a big transaction it would be Steve."

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