

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM A. STEVENSON

William Stevenson graduated from the University of Alberta Faculty of Law in 1957 with the Horace Harvey Gold Medal in Law. He articulated to and practiced with William Morrow at Morrow, Morrow & Reynolds (now RRMF LLP) until his appointment to the District Court of Alberta in 1975. With William Morrow, he was counsel on the last case from Canada to be appealed to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

He was a founding member of the Alberta Law Review and continues to be a proud supporter of that publication. He was also the first Chairman of the Legal Education Society of Alberta.

In 1979, he became a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench. He was elevated to the Courts of Appeal of Alberta and the Northwest Territories in 1990 and was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1990. While on the Bench, he helped found the National Judicial Institute and holds a distinguished honorary membership on its Board of Governors. He became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1997 and received an Honorary LL.D. from the University of Alberta in 1992.

THE HONOURABLE JEAN E. CÔTÉ

Jean Côté is a third-generation Edmontonian who has been studying and writing about the law for almost 60 years.

From McGill University, the University of Alberta, and Oxford University, he got an Honors B.A., an LL.B., a B.C.L. (a graduate law degree), and an Honorary LL.D.

He is the author or lead author of 15 books. He has written many articles, still writes blogs, and edits a standard annual work, Stevenson and Côté's *Civil Procedure Handbook*.

Emphasizing training, Côté has taught innumerable seminars and courses, at the Faculty of Law of the University of Alberta, the Bar Admission course, the Legal Education Society of Alberta, the Canadian Bar Association, the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, and the National Judicial Institute. He has been a guest lecturer at the Law Societies of British Columbia and Saskatchewan, and for the Atlantic Courts of Appeal of Canada, and the British Columbia Court of Appeal. The Canadian Judicial Council and national legal liability insurers keep some of his texts in print.

From 1987 to 2015, he was a Justice of the Courts of Appeal of Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and then Nunavut. That involved writing a very large number of judgments, and serving as the chair of the Rules of Court Committee, and sometimes sitting on the Judicial Council.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE FRANS F. SLATTER

Justice Slatter was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2006. He was previously appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in 2001. Justice Slatter attended high school in Edmonton. He obtained a B. Comm. (with distinction) from the University of Alberta in 1973, a LL.B. from Dalhousie University in 1977 (University Medal in Law), and a B.C.L. (First Class) from the University of Oxford in 1980. He was admitted to the Bar in Ontario (1979), Alberta (1981), and the Northwest Territories (1999).

After graduating, Justice Slatter clerked to the Honourable Mr. Justice R. Ritchie of the Supreme Court of Canada. In 1980, he joined the law firm of McCuaig Desrochers, in Edmonton, Alberta, as an articling student, where he became a partner and where he practiced law until his appointment to the Bench.

Justice Slatter was a contributor to Stevenson & Côté *Civil Procedure Guide* (1992 and 1996) and the *Civil Procedure Encyclopedia* (2003). He has also contributed to several editions of Jones and de Villars *Principles of Administrative Law*, and wrote a study paper for the Law Reform Commission of Canada on *Parliament and Administrative Agencies*. In addition, he has been actively involved in continuing education for judges and lawyers and has authored several articles and seminar publications to this end.

Justice Slatter is currently chairing the Rules of Court Committee, and is the Edmonton List Manager for the Court of Appeal.

VIVIAN STEVENSON, Q.C.

Vivian Stevenson was admitted to the Bar in November of 1990, following her graduation from the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law in 1989. Like her father, she was awarded the Horace Harvey Gold Medal in Law. She articulated to Justice Jean Côté at the Court of Appeal and to Joseph P. Brumlik Q.C.

Vivian was elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta in 2003 and served as a Bencher until 2009. She was a member of the Rules of Court Committee on behalf of the Law Society from 2003 to 2016. She received her Q.C. in 2004.

She has taught Civil Procedure and Professional Responsibility as a sessional lecturer at the University of Alberta and delivered a number of lectures for the Legal Education Society of Alberta. She currently practices as a litigator and mediator in Edmonton.