

The Law Society Award

Deadline for Nominations
Friday, May 7, 2004



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of British Columbia



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In 1986 the Benchers of the Law Society of British Columbia instituted the Law Society Award.

The Award is intended to honour the lifetime contribution of the truly exceptional in our profession, the person who stands out from the crowd, who has contributed more than anyone could ask, and who inspires others to a pursuit of excellence.

Eligibility

In selecting recipients for the Law Society Award, four criteria will be considered:

Integrity – The recipient is of unimpeachable good character with a reputation for high professional integrity and honesty.

Professional achievements – The recipient is known for significant accomplishments in his or her professional career.

Service – The recipient has made exceptional volunteer contributions of time and energy to the advancement of the legal profession, either personally or through a recognized society or organization.

Reform – The recipient has made an outstanding contribution to the betterment of the law or the improvement of the justice system.

The Law Society Award is available to members or non-members of the Law Society. Current Benchers are not eligible for nomination. The Award is made chiefly in recognition of contributions to the advancement of the profession or the law, but public service outside the legal profession will be considered.

Nominations

You are invited to nominate a candidate to receive the Law Society Award in 2004. Nominations must be received by **Friday, May 7, 2004**.

When submitting a nomination, please include the candidate's curriculum vitae, and your views on why he or she should receive the Award. **Please note that a nomination must be accompanied by this material for the nomination to be considered by the Selection Committee.**

Nominations should be sent to:

Law Society Award Selection Committee
c/o Denise Palmer, Member Communications Manager
The Law Society of British Columbia
8th Floor – 845 Cambie Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 4Z9

The Award

The Award, if given in 2004, will be made to the recipient selected by the Benchers, based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee, and will be presented in the Fall.

The Award is a bronze statue of Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, cast by the late Pender Island sculptor Ralph Sketch.

Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie was born in 1819. He arrived in British Columbia in 1858, commissioned by Queen Victoria as the first judge of the Colony of British Columbia. Begbie was successively Chief Justice of the mainland colony, of the United Colony of British Columbia and, after 1871, of the new province of British Columbia.

Upon his death on June 11, 1894, Begbie was eulogized as:

... a great lawyer, a close acute reasoner, a strong impartial judge, a most loyal comrade and gentleman of large and generous charity.

Past Recipients

Dean Emeritus George F. Curtis, QC,
honoured in 1986.



Oscar F. Orr, MBE, OBC, QC,
honoured in 1988.



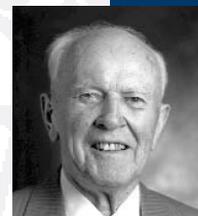
Chief Justice J.O. Wilson,
honoured posthumously in 1992.



Mr. Justice Peter D. Seaton,
honoured posthumously in 1994.



Alfred Watts, QC,
honoured in 1996.



The Hon. Martin R. Taylor, QC,
honoured in 1998.



E.N. (Ted) Hughes, QC,
honoured in 2000.



The Hon. Kenneth E. Meredith,
honoured in 2002.

