

FAISAL B. JOSEPH

Health Law

PARTNER

"My views are simple on defending these types of criminal cases. Our clients' reputation and practice are on the line and it is our job to make sure they have the best, proactive defence possible, because they deserve it!"

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- ◆ Partner, Lerners LLP (1993 to present)
- ◆ Partner, Burchell MacDougall, Halifax, Truro and Stewiacke, Nova Scotia (1990- 1993)
- ◆ Associate lawyer, Burchell MacDougall (1986-1990)
- ◆ Appointed prosecutor, on per diem basis, by Attorney General of Nova Scotia (1986-1992)

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Faisal has 30 years of trial experience as both a 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.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Recipient of Law Society Medal, 2015
- ◆ Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (Member, Thomas A. Mesereau Cup Selection Committee)
- ◆ Recipient of Middlesex Law Association Award for Distinguished Service, 2012
- ◆ Recipient of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Award for public service, 2012
- ◆ Litigation Counsel of America Award for excellence in the art of advocacy in trial and appellate courts
- ◆ Board of Directors, Childreach
- ◆ Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation
- ◆ Leadership Giving Committee, St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation
- ◆ Vice-Chair, Partnerships and Special Events Committee, St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation
- ◆ Executive Producer, "A" Channel television series
- ◆ Executive Board, Huron University College (2007)
- ◆ Huron University College Campus & Community Affairs Committee of the Executive Board
- ◆ Ontario Provincial Police Commissioners Commendation (2004)
- ◆ Premier of Ontario recognition for special contribution to hate crime legislation, security issues and international justice (2004)
- ◆ Former President, Islamic Centre of Southwestern Ontario (2001-2004)
- ◆ United Way Fundraising Team (1988-1990)
- ◆ Member, Third Place Transition House (Fundraising Team) (1987-1990)
- ◆ Former Member, Board of Directors, Lawson Health Research Institute

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- ◆ Chair, Canadian Cancer Fund Raising Campaign (1988-1989)
- ◆ Newspaper columnist
- ◆ Television commentator
- ◆ Participation with various hate crime committees and focus groups
- ◆ Activist for peace, justice and security in the Middle East

OTHER AREAS OF DISTINCTION

- ◆ Chair, Criminal Section, Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia Branch) (1993)
- ◆ Appointment as Vice-Chair, Tax Assessment Court, Colchester County (1988-1992)
- ◆ Appointed as standing agent for the Attorney General of Canada for prosecutions arising out of the Excise Tax Act, Fisheries Act and Coastal Fisheries Act, Income Tax Act, Oil Pollution Prevention and Unemployment Insurance Act (1986)
- ◆ Chair, Canadian Bar Association Committee (Nova Scotia Branch) to consider the issue of penal sanctions and/or alternatives to incarceration relating to drugs
- ◆ Lecturer, Bar Admission Course
- ◆ Provide numerous pro bono legal services including, but not limited to, civil, criminal and human rights litigation
- ◆ Provide various legal services and advice to Islamic organizations regarding security issues

MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ Criminal Lawyers Association
- ◆ Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- ◆ Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
- ◆ Law Society of Upper Canada
- ◆ Litigation Counsel of America (Fellow)
- ◆ Member, The Trial Law Institute
- ◆ Member, Diversity Law Institute

EDUCATION

- ◆ Admitted to the Bar, Ontario (1993)
- ◆ Admitted to the Bar, Nova Scotia (1986)
- ◆ Bachelor of Laws, University of New Brunswick (1985)
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts, (Political Science) Saint Francis Xavier University (1982)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Basketball, tennis, golf, travel, human rights activist

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