



### **Gretta Chambers, CC, OQ, LL.L**

Gretta Chambers graduated from McGill University in 1947 with a BA in Political Science and embarked on what was to become a long and distinguished career as a journalist. In the process, she became a recognized expert in Quebec politics and society. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Victoria in 1994 and an LLL from McGill University in 2001. Gretta became Governor of McGill University in 1977. She was appointed Chancellor in 1991 and Chancellor Emerita at the end of her term in 1999.

Gretta worked in radio and television for many years and has written for several newspapers, reviews and magazines. Between 1966 and 1980, she had a weekly broadcast on CBC called *The Province in Print*. From 1977 to 2002, she had a weekly column in *The Gazette*. Gretta currently writes columns for the *London Free Press* and the *Regina Leader Post* and freelances for other publications.

Gretta was named Officer of the Ordre national du Québec in 1993, then Member of the Order of Canada in 1994 and Companion of the Order of Canada in 2000. In 1996, she was named *Grande Montréalaise* by the *Académie des Grands Montréalais* of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montréal. Other awards include the Édouard Montpetit Medal (1997), the National Symposium on Official Languages Award (1998), the Médaille de l'Ordre de la Pléiade (1999), the *Mérite Philanthropique* from the Quebec Chamber of Commerce (2000), and the *Friend of Education* award from the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (2001).

Gretta has been the Chair of the Minister of Education's Board on English Education since it was founded in 1992. She has also been involved with the Montréal Children's Hospital Research Institute since 1985 and the Montréal YWCA Foundation from 1994 until May 2003 and is now on the Board of Directors.

Gretta also sits on a number of boards, associations and councils, including the Montréal Museum of Fine Arts Foundation, the Montréal Institute of Design, the Montréal Exchange, the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada and the *Conseil de surveillance des activités de la sûreté du Québec* (2001-2005). In 1999, Gretta chaired the biennial International Conference on Ageing, held in Montréal. She co-chaired Centraide's 2002 campaign and is currently co-chairing the Salon de la Non-Violence au Canada to be held in February 2004. She also chairs the committee assigned to define the heritage portion of Greater Montréal's new cultural policy that will go before the public for consultation in early 2004.

In September 2003, Gretta was appointed by the federal government to a four-year term as a Commissioner on the federal Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission.