



Earl A. Cherniak, Q.C.

An esteemed member of Lerner LLP and the broader professional community for many years, Earl A. Cherniak has played major roles in many significant matters in Canadian legal history. Earl represented the Canadian Red Cross in the Inquiry into the Canadian Blood System and served as counsel for the Medical Officer of Health in the inquiry into the Walkerton water safety crisis. Earl is recognized by LEXPERT as a leading practitioner in a number of areas of law including product liability, professional liability, class actions, directors' and officers' liability, commercial insurance litigation, corporate commercial litigation, personal injury, securities litigation and defamation. He is a member of the London Court of International Arbitration, and of the Canadian panel of arbitrators of the International Chamber of Commerce. He is listed as a leading litigator in Chambers Global, Who's Who Legal, and Global Counsel. He regularly appears in the Supreme Court of Canada.

Earl served as a commissioner of the Ontario Law Reform Commission and was counsel to the Royal Commission on Metropolitan Toronto Police Practices. He is currently an elected bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada, and Chair of the Proceedings Authorization Committee. He is an elected Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (1982) and of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (1987). He is a past Ontario Province Chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the past Chair of the Canada-US Committee of the College. Earl is a past President of The Advocates' Society of Ontario. In 1996, he became the eleventh recipient of The Advocates' Society Medal.

Earl was for many years a Sessional Professor in municipal law and remedies at the University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law and was the senior instructor in the Bar Admission Course in London in the Charter of Rights and Administrative Law section. He has lectured at, and taken part in, continuing legal education programs on a variety of topics in both Canada and the United States. He has written extensively in the areas of tort compensation, economic loss, product liability, remedies and legal ethics.

He received his B.A from the University of Western Ontario and his Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall. Following his call to the Bar, he served for one year as law clerk to Chief Justice McRuer. Earl was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1974. Earl served as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of Victoria Hospital Corporation, as a Director of the Canadian Weizmann Society, as a patron of Partners in Research, and recently as a member of the Honorary Council for the London Health Sciences Centre Fundraising Campaign and Honorary Chair of the Faculty of Law campaign in the current capital campaign of The University of Western Ontario.

In 2001 and again in 2003, Earl was appointed by the judiciary as a Commissioner of the federal Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission.