

THE HONOURABLE LYNN SMITH, Q.C.

Lynn Smith, B.A. (University of Calgary), LL.B. (University of British Columbia), LL.D. (Hon.) (Simon Fraser University) was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia in 1998. She served as a Justice of that Court until her retirement in September 2012.

Prior to her appointment as a judge, she practised law at Shrum, Liddle and Heberton (now McCarthy Tetrault), specializing in civil litigation.

She taught law at the University of British Columbia 1981-97 in areas including Constitutional Law, Evidence, Civil Litigation, and Real Property. She has published books and articles in the fields of Charter equality rights, civil litigation and evidence, human rights, administrative law, and women's equality. She was Dean of the U.B.C. Law Faculty 1991-97.

At various times, she served on the Boards of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund and West Coast LEAF, the Vancouver Community Legal Assistance Society, the Law Foundation of British Columbia (for a term as its Chair), the Vancouver Foundation, B.C. Women's Hospital and Health Centre (as Chair), and Science World.

In 2005-06, Lynn Smith was Executive Director of the National Judicial Institute, on secondment from the Court. She is a Judicial Associate of the National Judicial Institute and serves on the faculty of the Charter and Evidence Workshops as well as the New Federally-Appointed Judges Program. She has been involved in international judicial education exchanges with China, Scotland, Ghana and Viet Nam.

She is an Honorary Professor at the U.B.C. Faculty of Law and is teaching a seminar on Charter Litigation. Recent publications include: (with William Black), "The Equality Rights", (2013), 62 S.C.L.R. (2d) 301 and in E. Mendes and S. Beaulac (eds.), *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (5th ed.) (Toronto: LexisNexis, 2013); "The Ring of Truth, the Clang of Lies: Assessing Credibility in the Courtroom", (2012) 63 U.N.B.L.J. 10 – 37; and "Preserving the Rules of Evidence in Civil Cases", CIAJ Annual Conference Proceedings 2013.

The Honourable Lynn Smith was a Vancouver Y.W.C.A. Woman of Distinction in 1992, and received the Georges Goyer Award from the B.C. Branch of the Canadian Bar Association in 2003.

She is married to Justice Jon Sigurdson of the Supreme Court of British Columbia and they have two daughters and three grandchildren.