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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- 1984 to present** Executive Director, Advocacy Centre for the Elderly
- 2006 to present** Sessional Lecturer, Law and Aging
Faculty of Social Work, Masters Programme, University of Toronto
- 2005** Appointed Distinguished Fellow of the Canadian Centre for
Elder Law Studies, British Columbia Law Institute
- 2002 and 2005** Sessional Instructor, Law and Aging,
Faculty of Social Sciences – Gerontology,
McMaster University
- 1979 to 1984** Birenbaum, Koffman and Steinberg, Barristers and Solicitors,
Toronto; general practice: civil litigation, family law, wills and estates,
immigration
- 1979** Member, Law Society of Upper Canada (Ontario)

EDUCATION

- 1979** Called to Bar of Ontario
- 1977** L.L.B. Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 1974** B.A. Honours, English, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTATION

Member, Expert Roundtable on Elder Abuse Consultation, Human Resources and Social
Development Canada, Ottawa, June 2008

Organizer, Presenter and Facilitator, Federal-Provincial-Territorial Working Group
Consultation on Financial Abuse, Ottawa, June 2008

Organizer and Presenter, Federal-Provincial -Territorial Working Group Consultation on Elder Abuse, Vancouver, November 2007

Member, Elder Health Coalition Elder Abuse Working Group, Ontario Seniors Secretariat, 2006 to date

Member, Alzheimer Roundtable, Ministry of Citizenship and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, 2004 to 2007

Member, Toronto Seniors' Roundtable, City of Toronto, 2004 to 2006

Member, Compliance Management Working Group and Standards Review Committee, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, 2004 to 2006

Member, Guardianship Advisory Committee, Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee, 1996 to date

Member, Alzheimer Initiative Advance Care Planning Consultation Committee, 2001 to 2002

Member, Ontario Elder Abuse Initiative Working Group, 2000

Chair, Interim Advisory Committee for the Implementation of the *Substitute Decisions Act* at the Office of the Public Trustee, 1992 – 1995 (by appointment of the Ontario Attorney-General)

Consultant, various Elder Abuse Projects, One Voice, Health Canada, Ontario Office of Seniors Issues, Ontario Seniors Secretariat 1989 – 2002

Member, Review of Advocacy for Vulnerable Adults (O'Sullivan Committee), 1987

Member, Attorney General's Committee on Substitute Decision Making for Mentally Incapable Persons (Fram Committee), 1985 - 1988

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Recipient of Ontario Bar Association Award for Distinguished Service, 2008

Recipient of Osgoode Hall Law School Gold Key Award for Public Service, 2006

Vice Chair, National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly Network, University of Toronto, 2006 to date

Chair, Canadian Bar Association - National Elder Law Section, 2007 to 2009

Vice-Chair, Canadian Bar Association – National Elder Law Section, 2005 to 2007

Member, Mental Health Law Committee, 2000 to date

Writer and Presenter, Abuse of Older Adults' Education, Prevention and Response Project - A Community Development project to assist communities across Ontario to develop local Community Response Networks

Writer and Presenter, Advance Care Planning Programme 2003 Ontario Alzheimer's Initiative #2 Family Physicians' Training, Health Professionals Training, and Community Training on Advance Directives for Care Choices

Organizer, Canadian "Nuts and Bolts" Elder Law Training Programme, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Vancouver Conference, April 2001

Instructor and Member of Organizing Team, Ontario Police College Training Programme - Elder Abuse Response and Prevention for Police Services, 2004 to 2007

Instructor, Toronto Police College, Course on Diversity – Elder Abuse segment, 1998 to date

Executive Member, Association of Community Legal Clinics of Ontario, 1998 to 1999

Co-Chair, First National Conference on Elder Abuse and Crime, 1990

Member at Large, Ontario Bar Association, Health Law Section Executive, 1996 to 1998, 2004 to 2006

Executive Member and member of Board of Directors, OOLAGEN Community Services and OOLAGEN Community Services Family Therapy Training Centre, 1980 to 1985

Board of Directors of Ontario Gerontology Association, 1998 to 2001

Frequent speaker at conferences including:

- Federal-Provincial-Territorial Conferences of Elder Abuse (Vancouver 2007) and Financial Abuse (June 2008)
- National Victims Day Conference, Justice Canada
- Canadian Bar Association
- Canadian Centre for Elder Law Studies
- Isaac Pitblado Lecture - Law Society of Manitoba
- International Conference on Law and Mental Health
- Canadian Association of Gerontology (London, Calgary, Toronto, Victoria, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Quebec City, Halifax)
- Sunnybrook Medical Centre
- McMaster Summer Institute

- Gerontological Nurses Association
- Alzheimer Society of Metropolitan Toronto
- Alzheimer Society of Canada
- Ontario Provincial Police College
- Ontario Hospital Association
- United Senior Citizens of Ontario
- Haldimand Norfolk Committee on Abuse of Older Persons
- PEI Provincial Conference on Elder Abuse Prevention
- Ontario Hospital Association
- Canadian Institute
- Ontario Bar Association
- Law Society of Upper Canada Continuing Education
- Various Community Care Access Centres (Ottawa, Sudbury, Toronto, Timmins, Thunder Bay, Peterborough, Belleville, Woodstock, Brockville, Waterloo)
- Quebec Legal Aid Plan
- British Columbia Justice Institute
- National Court Administrators Conference
- Society of Ontario Adjudicators and Administrators
- Victim Services Seminars on Elder Abuse Response
- Legal Aid Ontario Clinic Law Conference