

HON. GEORGE FERGUSON Q.C.

Born in Montreal but raised in Toronto, George attended University of Toronto Schools, The University of Toronto (Honours Political Science and Economics) and Osgoode Hall (LLB in 1948). He founded and served as senior partner in the legal firm of Ferguson, Montgomery, Cassels and Mitchell where his practice involved litigation, arbitration, conciliation and general consultation throughout Canada. He was a part-time member of the Ontario Labour Relations Board from 1952 to 1957.

In 1970 he became an arbitrator and mediator for private and government affairs, served as a vice-chairman of the Ontario Labour Relations Board and as first Arbitrator for the Ontario Police Arbitration Commission.

Having served as President of the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Bar Association, (now OBA) George then became a member of the National Council of CBA and Chairman of the CBA National Insurance Committee where he concluded the nationalization of the insurance plan and the creation of the CBA Insurance Association.

George was appointed to the Bench by the Federal Government in 1976 and retired from The Superior Court of Justice in 1998. Thereafter, he became a mediator and/or arbitrator and consultant to government and law enforcement agencies. George has served lengthy terms with the Board of Governors of Royal St. George's College, Wilfred Laurier University and Humber College.