

The Dr. John Haynes Memorial Award 2015



Dr. John Haynes was a pioneer of family mediation in the US and was the Founding President of the Academy of Family Mediators there. He came up to Canada in the 80s to do some training of some pioneers in their own right, here, including Larry Fong, Deborah Prowse, Kent Taylor, Nancy Flatters, Mike Porter and Joanne Goss, to name a few. He came back periodically to give training sessions and/or attend conferences.

John used to say that mediation is good work and is therefore only one letter away from "God's work". Also, that a mediator must love his/her clients: "There is good in everybody and if you want mediation to work, you must find the good in people".

When John died prematurely in 1999, Judge Michael Porter, Ret'd, wrote to John's wife, Gretchen, to ask if the Alberta *family* Mediation Society could establish an award in his name to be presented annually to one or more persons who have contributed significantly to the field of Family Mediation in the Province of Alberta.

AFMS is proud to announce that the 2015 recipient of the John Haynes Memorial Award is the Honourable Justice Joanne Goss.

Joanne Goss has made significant contributions to the development of ADR in its various aspects in both Alberta and Canada. These contributions have continued after her appointment to the Bench of the Provincial Court of Alberta in August 1999 and thereafter to the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in February 2010.

Her legal/dispute resolution career began in 1985 when she joined the firm now known as Miller Thompson and developed a practice in civil and domestic litigation, arbitration and mediation. Justice Goss was appointed as a Chartered Mediator in 1997 by the Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of Canada. She also served as the Equity Ombudsman for the Law Society of Alberta from 1997 to her appointment to the Bench.

Justice Goss taught Alternate Dispute Resolution at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law from 1992 to 1998. She served as President of the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Canada Inc., as President of the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society from 1992-1994, and Chair of the Canadian Bar Association (Alberta Branch) Subsection from 1994 to 1995.

Specifically regarding family mediation, and in addition to her presentations for Family Mediation Canada, she chaired Family Mediation Canada's Banff Conference in 1988 during her term as President of the Alberta Family Mediation Society from 1988-89 and where she began her term as a Board member in 1997. She was mediation trained by Dr. John Haynes in 1986 and 1987 in his Introductory and Advanced Mediation Courses respectively. She was also

trained in Advance Mediation and Physical Abuse Workshop presented by Stephen Erickson. In 2001 she was a judicial participant at National Court Annexed Mediation Conference through the National Judicial Institute. She was mediation trained by Dr. John Haynes in 1986 and 1987 in his Introductory and Advanced Mediation Courses respectively. She was also trained in Advance Mediation and Physical Abuse Workshop presented by Stephen Erickson. In 2001 she was a judicial participant at National Court Annexed Mediation Conference through the National Judicial Institute.

Most importantly, Justice Goss sat in the Family Court (Edmonton) when appointed to the Provincial Court of Alberta. In this she brought her family mediation skills to the Bench together with her other dispute resolution skills in serving the families of Alberta.

Justice Goss has many publications including: Judicial Dispute Resolution (Family Court Review, July 2004); Mediation: How It Works (Internet); An Introduction to Alternate Dispute Resolution (Internet); An Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (Alberta Law Review (October 1995); Chapters 4 (Negotiation), Chapter 5 (Mediation), Chapter 6 (Arbitration), Alberta Family Law, Legal Education Society of Alberta (1995); Creative Settlement: Negotiate to Get a Better Result, Family Law and Practice in the New Reality, Legal Education society of Alberta (May 1993); Creative Settlement: Med Arb – A Creative Solution, Family Law and Practice in the New Reality, Legal Education Society of Alberta (May, 1993); Alternative Dispute Resolution, Teaching Program, Faculty of Law, university of Alberta (1992); Alternative Dispute Resolution, Effective Dispute Resolution, Legal Education Society of Alberta (1991); has co-authored three books; and was the Editor of the of the Alberta Law review 1995 special Edition on Alternative Dispute Resolution.

With over 80 courses, seminars, lectures and addresses given in the areas of Mediation, Arbitration, Negotiation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Alternative Dispute Resolution System Design amongst many other topic areas in her contributions and speaking engagements, all made provincially, nationally and internationally. She is now co-chair of Court of Queen's Bench Access to Justice Steering Committee.

Justice Goss will be honoured and the John Haynes Award will be presented to her by AFMS at the AFMS/AFCC - Alberta Chapter Joint Conference on Thursday, April 9, 2015 in Edmonton at the Providence Renewal Centre.

Past winners:

- 2000: Dr. Larry Fong
- 2001: Louis Faber
- 2002: Judge Nancy Flatters
- 2003: Madam Justice M.J. Trussler

2004: Dr. Kent Taylor
2005: Diane Shearer
2006: Patricia Blocksom and Mary Jane Klein
2007: Alberta Justice
2008: Janis Pritchard
2009: Judge Michael Porter, Ret'd
2010: Lorri Yasenik & DRO Project (The Honourable Madam Justice Colleen Kenny, The Honourable Judge Victor Tousignant, Lonny Balbi, QC, Douglas Moe, QC and Blair Laven)
2011: no recipient
2012: Geeta Bharadia, QC
2013: Judge Todd LaRochelle
2014: Associate Chief Justice John Rooke
