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**Biographies**



**David Wright, Chair, Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal**

David A. Wright has been Chair of the Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal and its predecessor since 2020. Previously, he was the founding Chair of the Law Society Tribunal, spearheading the reform of adjudicative processes at the Law Society of Ontario. He has also been an adjudicator at the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, serving as Vice-chair, Interim Chair, and Associate Chair. He completed his B.A. in History at the University of Windsor and his LL.B. and B.C.L. at the Faculty of Law of McGill University. Mr. Wright articulated as a law clerk to Madame Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dubé of the Supreme Court of Canada and then completed his LL.M. at New York University. Prior to becoming an adjudicator, he practised labour and employment law. He speaks frequently at conferences, has taught at Osgoode Hall Law School as an adjunct professor, and is the author of several law journal articles. Mr. Wright is vice-chair of the Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals.



**Michelle Flaherty, Mediator and Arbitrator**

Michelle Flaherty is an experienced mediator, arbitrator, and workplace investigator specializing in labour, employment, and human rights matters. She is fully bilingual in English and French.

Michelle graduated summa cum laude from the University of Ottawa. After clerking with Justice L'Heureux-Dubé of the Supreme Court of Canada in 1999–2000, Michelle entered into private practice. A member of the Law Society of Upper Canada since 2001, Michelle has extensive professional experience practicing labour law, administrative law, human rights, and constitutional law. During the course of her career, she has acted for both unions and employers.

From 2012 to 2018, Michelle was an Associate professor of law at the University of Ottawa, where she taught labour law, human rights, administrative law, and alternative dispute resolution.

Michelle is on the Ontario Minister of Labour's List of Approved Arbitrators and is an arbitrator with the Grievance Settlement Board. Michelle served as a Vice-chair and a member of the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario from 2008 to 2018. She is a member of the Ontario Labour-Management Arbitrators' Association and the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Michelle was inducted into the University of Ottawa Common Law Honours Society for her service to the law school and the profession. In 2011, she was named one of Bishop's University's Top 10 after 10 g graduates.



## **Margaret Leighton, Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Appeal Tribunal and Law Society Tribunal (Ontario)**

A graduate of UBC and U of T, Margaret has a long history with the administrative tribunal community. Currently she is counsel to the Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Appeal Tribunal as well as a court appointed assessor for sexual misconduct claims arising out of the class action against the Canadian Armed Forces. In her career with the Ontario government she directed the legal unit at Tribunals Ontario, the Social Justice Tribunal, and the Human Rights Tribunal. She was also counsel to the Pay Equity Hearings Tribunal, Labour Relations Board, and Board of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission. She has a real life/real time perspective on adjudication from her work as a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board, Refugee Protection Division and on the Law Society Tribunal.

Margaret is the past chair of the Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals, editor-in-chief of the Canadian Journal of Administrative Law and Practice, co-chair of the Law Society of Ontario's annual administrative law update programme, and a regular contributor to legal education and professional development programmes.