



## **The Honourable Leonard A. Martin, Q.C. (1931 – 2021)**

Born in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, March 1931; died in Ottawa, Ontario, May 2021. Predeceased by his father Albert, mother Margaret, sisters Peggy and Gertrude, and stepmother Loretta. Survived by his loving wife, Heidi, to whom he was dedicated for 63 years, and their children: Krista (David), Robert (Lynn) and J. (Debbie) and grandchildren Jessica and Shelby, Sarah and Amber, and Zachary; and by his sisters Joan and Catherine.

Leonard was admitted to the bars of Nova Scotia ('55) and Newfoundland ('56), and founded a general law practice in Corner Brook, NL in 1956, initially with partners Gordon Easton, Frederick Woolridge and Edward Poole, and later joined by Paul Althouse, Noel Clarke, Carl Thompson, Leonard Thomas and Joseph Hutchings. Led by Leonard's example, the partners were not only business associates but also close friends for many years.

Leonard was a well-respected corporate and trial lawyer throughout the Province for some 30 years, known for his in-depth preparation, knowledge of the applicable law and his soft-spoken determination. From 1978 to 1985 Leonard's law practice was focused on special assignments, as lead counsel to several marine investigations (incl. the Federal-Provincial Royal Commission on the *Ocean Ranger* Marine Disaster) and on the Upper Churchill *Water Rights Reversion Act* to the Supreme Court of Canada. He was appointed to the Trial Division of the Federal Court of Canada in 1985 and moved to Ottawa with Heidi.

Although he went to high school and university in Toronto (U of T '52) and to law school in Halifax (Dalhousie '55) and ultimately moved to Ottawa, Leonard was a true Newfoundlander. While living in Newfoundland he enjoyed many travelling adventures with Heidi and his children, skiing at Marble Mountain, and sailing the waters around Pilley's Island and beyond (to the Funk Islands and back in '85) with his family and friends. Good times were also had at the barn/farm at Humber Village to which Leonard devoted many hours, supported by his trusty green pickup. Following his retirement and living in Ottawa, Leonard enjoyed road trips with Heidi, visits from his children and grandchildren, woodworking with his friend Gordon, cross-country skiing, riding his motorcycles, feeding the wildlife on the back deck, and gardening (including some very interesting plants).

Our family is grateful to the wonderful staff at St Patrick's Home in Ottawa for their exceptional care of and support for Leonard over the past five years. For anyone wishing to make a donation in Leonard's memory, please consider the St Patrick's Home of Ottawa Foundation - <https://stpatsfoundation.ca/ways-to-give/>; cards may be addressed to the family c/o St. Pats at 2865 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, ON K1V 8N5. Cremation has occurred. There will be no separate funeral arrangements under the present circumstances.