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#### **IN MEMORIAM: Philip M. Epstein, C.M., O.Ont., Q.C., LL.D. (h.c.)**

**Phil passed away on April 4, 2021. He was called to the Bar in 1970, and founded Epstein Cole LLP. He was one of Canada's leading family law lawyers. He served with great dedication as an elected Bencher from 1985 to 1999. He was the only former Bencher, to have been granted life time access to the Benchers' quarters. The Law Society recognized his highly distinguished career in June 2020 with an Honorary Doctor of Laws. He was recently inducted into the Order of Canada in recognition of the significant impact he had in the advancement of family law and his contributions to access to justice. Most importantly, he was a spectacular husband, father, grandfather and friend. His legacy will live on through his family and the many lawyers he mentored. He will be terribly missed by all who knew and loved him.**

**Epstein Cole LLP has provided the attached link:**  
<https://epsteincole.com>

#### **AWARD SEASON - CELEBRATE OUR COLLEAGUES' ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

##### **Law Society Medal**

**Peter Griffin** is one of Canada's top civil litigators.

**Eldon Horner** has been a long-time advocate of solicitor issues.

**Judith Huddart** is recognized for her leadership and contributions to family law.

**Susan Kyle** has dedicated her entire career to public service.

**Candice S. Metallic** has devoted her career to law reform and the advancement of legal and social justice for Indigenous Peoples.

**Janice Payne** was one of the first women in private practice in Ottawa.

**Professor Poonam Puri** is one of Canada's influential legal scholars.

#### [Lincoln Alexander Award](#)

**Rochelle Ivri** is the first African-Canadian professor in Mohawk College's Paralegal Program.

#### [Laura Legge Award](#)

**Dr. Beverly Jacobs** is Associate Dean (Academic) at the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law.

#### [J. Shirley Denison Award](#)

**Laurie E. Joe** has been a lawyer with Community Legal Services of Ottawa since 1994.

#### [William J. Simpson\\* Distinguished Paralegal Award](#)

**Kathleen Cooper** is a senior researcher and paralegal at the Canadian Environmental Law Association.

(\*In February, Bill was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Cross (Civilian) from the Governor General for successfully leading the effort to have paralegals accredited to provide legal services in Ontario. Ironically, that ground-breaking work contributed to his electoral defeat in the next Bencher election.)

#### [Law Society Human Rights Award](#)

**Payam Akhavan** is a human rights lawyer, academic and international legal advocate.

#### [Doctor of Laws, \*honoris causa\* \(LLD\)](#)

An honorary LLD was awarded by the Law Society to **Cathy Crowe**. She has had an immense impact on homelessness and social justice. She has given a voice to the marginalized and vulnerable through documentaries and books.

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### [LAW SOCIETY EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS](#)

As part of its mandate, the Law Society recommends and makes appointments to a variety of boards, councils and committees. The following appointments were recently made:

#### **Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee – Northeast Region**

Jessica Belisle

#### **Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee – Central East Region**

Karen McCleave

#### **Civil Rules Committee**

Lee Akazaki

Ranjan Das  
Barbara Legate  
Kathryn Manning

**Family Rules Committee**

Fareen Jamal  
Genevieve Samuels  
Shuchanna Swaby

**Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee – Toronto**

Michelle Haigh

**Legal Aid Ontario Board of Directors**

John Callaghan  
Jennifer Gold  
Bryn Gray  
Deborah Moriah

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