



## The Toronto Whiff of Grape

# The Honourable Frank Iacobucci, C.C., Q.C., LL.D.

January 25, 2011

### The Role of the Supreme Court in regard to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms

The Honourable Frank Iacobucci has had a varied career in private practice, academia, government and the judiciary. He was born (1937), raised and educated in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he received his B. Comm.(1961) and LL.B. from the University of British Columbia.(1962) He went on to receive his LL.M. (1964) and [Dip. Int'l Law from Cambridge](#). (1966). He began his career in 1964 as a lawyer at a large New York firm ([Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood](#)), where he practiced corporate and securities law. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1970 and was awarded a Q.C. by the Federal Government in 1986.

In 1967, he joined the [Faculty of Law, University of Toronto](#), and was a Professor of Law there until 1985. He was appointed Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (1973), Vice-President, Internal Affairs at the University of Toronto (1975-79) and Dean of the Faculty of Law (1979-83). From November 1983 to September 1985, he was Vice-President and Provost of the University. In 1995, the [Department of Italian Studies](#) at the U of T created [The Frank Iacobucci Centre for Italian Canadian Studies](#).

Mr. Iacobucci was appointed Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General for Canada (1985); [Chief Justice](#) of the [Federal Court of Canada](#) (1988); and a [Puisne Justice](#) of the [Supreme Court of Canada](#) (1991). [The Honourable Frank Iacobucci](#) retired from the Supreme Court of Canada in June 2004 and served as interim President of the University of Toronto from September 2004 until June 2005. On July 1, 2005, he joined [Torys LLP as Counsel](#) and became Chairman of Torstar Corporation (to 2009). He currently serves as [Chairman](#) of the [Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario](#), [Conduct Review Advisor](#) for the [Canada Pension Plan Investment Board](#) and is [Lead Director on the Board of Directors of Tim Hortons Inc.](#) and of the Advisory Board of General Motors of Canada. He is also a [member of the Ontario Law Commission](#). He has served as federal representative in the negotiations leading to a [settlement of the Indian residential schools \(IRS\) legacy](#). In December 2006, he was appointed Commissioner to lead an inquiry into the conduct of Canadian officials regarding certain individuals. In April of 2008 as [a special advisor](#) to the Minister of Natural Resources for Ontario, he provided advice for a framework toward a long-term agreement between [Grassy Narrows First Nation](#) and the Province of Ontario dealing with forestry and related issues.



He has [authored or co-authored numerous books, articles and commentaries](#) on a variety of legal subjects and is the recipient of numerous other awards and honours in Canada and abroad including:

- Honorary degrees from the:
  - University of British Columbia (1989)
  - University of Toronto (1989)
  - University of Ottawa (1995)
  - University of Victoria (1996),
  - Law Society of Upper Canada (2000),
  - McGill University (2003),

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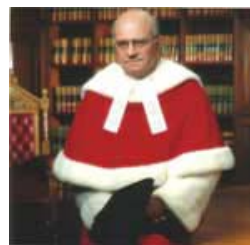


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- University of Waterloo (2003),
- Università della Calabria (Cosenza, Italy) (2003),
- Queen's University (2005),
- York University (2005),
- McMaster University (2008),
- University of Western Ontario (2009),
- [Commendatore dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana](#) conferred by the Italian Government (1993)
- Election as an [Honorary Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge](#). (1999)
- Appointed a [Companion in the Order of Canada](#) (July 2007)
- [Receiving](#) the [Justice Medal for lifetime achievement](#) from the [Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice](#) (Oct 2009).
- Being a [2010 Inductee](#) to the [Italian Walk of Fame](#) as "[The Lawman](#)"



January 25<sup>th</sup> promises to be a fascinating evening for all Whiffers and family members as we gain a better understanding of the Supreme Court's interpretations of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. See you all there!!

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### Please RSVP as soon as possible.

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### Parking Note:

Parking at the B&R on January 25 will be at a premium as the B&R Robbie Burns event is at the same time. You may have to park at one of the two nearby Green P lots. see [www.whiff-of-grape.ca/GreenParking](http://www.whiff-of-grape.ca/GreenParking) for locations