

Honourable James B. Chadwick, Q.C.

The Honourable James B. Chadwick, Q.C., was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario, High Court of Justice in 1988 and retired in 2003. Following the merger of the Supreme Court of Ontario with the County and District Courts, he was reassigned to the Eastern Regions. He served as the Regional Senior Justice of the East Region from 1994 to 2000.

Currently, James Chadwick is a mediator, arbitrator and facilitator with the Ottawa Dispute Resolution Group.

During his years on the bench he was involved in numerous commercial cases, personal injury, employment law, insolvency, and construction law cases.

Prior to his appointment he was a partner in the Ottawa firm Burke-Robertson. During his twenty-four years of legal practice he restricted his practice areas to civil and criminal litigation. He appeared in all levels of Ontario courts and tribunals, as well as the Federal Court of Canada and the Supreme Court of Canada.

He served as a part-time law professor at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Common Law from 1984 to 1986. Later, on a judicial sabbatical at the University of Ottawa he taught a course and involved students in settlement conferences of civil actions. He also taught Business Law at Algonquin College where he is a Governor.

James Chadwick was elected as a Law Society Bencher from 1975 to 1988 and he served as Chair on numerous Law Society Committees including Legal Aid and Discipline.

He received his B.A. from St. Francis Xavier University in 1959 and his LL.B. from the University of Ottawa in 1962. He was called to the Ontario bar in 1964. Currently, he is a member of the Canada Pension Appeal Board.

He has been presented with numerous awards and honours including the Carleton Medal for the County Carleton Law Association in 1997. He has also been appointed a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.