

CV for Louise
Arbour

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
(2004 -)

Born: 10 February 1947, Montréal, Québec

Citizenship: Canadian

Professional Experience

June 1999

Appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, effective 15 September 1999

February 1996

Appointed by the Security Council of the United Nations as Chief Prosecutor for The International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda, effective 1 October 1996

April 1995

Appointed by Order-in-Council as single Commissioner to conduct an inquiry into certain events at the Prisons for Women in Kingston

February 1990

Appointed to the Court of Appeal for Ontario

December 1987

Appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario (High Court of Justice)

July - December 1987

Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

1977-1987

Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

1975

Assistant Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

1974 Lecturer in Criminal Procedure, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

1972

Research Officer, Law Reform Commission, Member of the Criminal Procedure Project

1971-1972

Law Clerk for Mr. Justice Louis-Philippe Pigeon, Supreme Court of Canada

1970

Articling, Legal Department, City of Montreal

Education and Degrees

1967

B.A. Collège Regina Assumpta, Montréal

1970

LL.L. (with distinction) Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal

1970-1971

Quebec Bar Admission Course

1971

Called to the Quebec Bar

1977

Called to the Ontario Bar

Honorary Doctorates

1995

York University

1997

University of Ottawa

1999

Law Society of Upper Canada; University of New Brunswick; Laurentian University; Université du Québec à Montréal

2000

Université Libre de Bruxelles; University of Victoria; Kingston Royal Military College; Chicago-Kent College of Law; Université de Montréal; McMaster's University; University of Western Ontario;

University of Toronto; Glasgow University; Queen's University; Carleton University

2001

Mount Saint Vincent University; University of King's College; Université de Moncton; Memorial University in St. John's Newfoundland; Windsor University; Concordia University in Montréal; University of British Columbia in Vancouver

2002

University of Lakhead

2003

Université Picardie – Jules Verne, Amiens, France; St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Medals and Awards

1995

Médaille de l'Université de Montréal

1996

Achievement Award of the Women's Law Association, Toronto

1998

G. Arthur Martin Award, Criminal Lawyers' Association, Toronto 1999 Medal of Honour of the International Association of Prosecutors, First Recipient

1999

Medal of Honour, International Association of Prosecutors; Médaille du Mérite, Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal; Prix de la Fondation Louise Weiss, Paris

1999-2004

Honorary Professor, University of Warwick, Coventry, U.K.

2000

Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's Second Annual Service to Humanity Award, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Four Freedoms Medal (Freedom from Fear), Roosevelt Study Center, Middleburg, The Netherlands; Women of Distinction Award, Toronto Hadassah-Wizo; Peace Award, World Federalists of Canada; Lord Reading Law Society's Human Rights Award; Wolfgang Freidman Memorial Award, Columbia Law School ; EID-UL-ADHA Award, The Association of Progressive Muslims of Ontario

2001

Médaille du Barreau du Québec; National Achievement Award 2001, Jewish Women International of Canada

2002

Stefan A. Riesenfeld Symposium Award, Berkeley Journal of International Law; Mc Gill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women Person of the Year 2002 Award; Prix de la Fondation Justice dans le Monde de l'Union internationale des Magistrats, 2002 Year Award

2003

Médaille de la Faculté de droit de l'Université de Montréal

Inducted into International Hall of Fame – International Women's Forum

Honorary Fellowship – American College of Trial Lawyers

Médaille 125e anniversaire – Faculté de droit, Association des diplômés en droit – Université de Montréal

Related Professional Activities

- Vice President, Canadian Civil Liberties Association, until December 1987

- Lifetime Member of l'Association des jurists d'expression française de l'Ontario, 1992

- Honorary Member, American Society of International Law, 2000

- Member, International Crisis Group, Board of Trustees, 2000 –

- Honorary Member, Golden Key National Honour Society, 2000

- Honorary Bencher of Grays Inn, London, England, 2001

- Member of the International Council, Institute for Global Legal Studies of Washington University School of Law St-Louis, Missouri, 2001

- Member Advisory Board, International Journal of Constitutional Law, Oxford University Press (New York Law School), 2001

- Member, Board of Editors, Journal of International Criminal Justice, 2003