

News Release

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Law Society of Alberta to Honour Lawyer for 70 Years of Service

A historic moment will be marked today when the Law Society of Alberta honours Maclean Everett Jones, QC of Calgary, for 70 years of service in Alberta.

Each year, the Law Society recognizes lawyers with 30 years of service, and also commemorates lawyers with 50 and 60 years of legal service.

Law Society of Alberta president Rod Jerke, QC, notes that this is the first time in the 103-year history of the Society that a lawyer has practised law for 70 consecutive years.

“As a pioneering lawyer, Mr. Jones’ 70-year career has spanned the many growth and boom years of the Province,” notes Mr. Jerke. Mr. Jones is a namesake along with a former Canadian Prime Minister of the well known law firm, Bennett Jones LLP.

“He has brought to his law firm an entrepreneurial spirit, a quest for excellence in law, and a passion for the rule of law.”

“His many accomplishments, especially given that he served in the Royal Canadian Navy after being admitted to the Alberta bar, are truly remarkable. His achievement of 70 years of service is without precedent, and one which invokes pride among lawyers and the Law Society of Alberta.”

The Law Society of Alberta is celebrating his 70 years of service with a reception today, Wednesday, November 24, at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel, Penthouse Suite between 5-7 p.m.

On Thursday, November 25, 2010, the Law Society will be commemorating **60 Years of Service** by **Gerald M. Burden, QC**. As well, the Law Society will celebrate **50 Years of Service** by **Theodore L. Babie; Arthur M. Davis, QC; Donald T.D. Hatch, QC; Raymond F. Kutz; Robbert G. Roddie, QC; the Honourable Judge R.A. Jacobson; and Stanley S. Schumacher, QC**.

Biography of Maclean Everett (Mac) Jones, QC

Maclean Everett (Mac) Jones, QC, earned his arts degree (1938) and his law degree (1939) from the University of Alberta. He articulated with E.J. Chambers, KC, in Calgary

from June 1939 to June 1940. Mr. Jones was admitted to the Alberta bar on December 2, 1940 before the Honourable Mr. Justice Ewing in Calgary, Alberta. During his ceremony he swore true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Sixth.

He then joined his principal's firm, then called Bennett, Hannah, Nolan, Chambers and Might. After serving in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II, he returned to the firm in 1945 to practise as a litigator.

Mr. Jones is a namesake of the firm, along with former prime minister of Canada, R.B. Bennett. Mr. Jones' practice focused on oil and gas law. As his practice grew with the Alberta oil industry, he became known for his business acumen, his philosophy of tending to the client and his ability to "get the deal done".

He was elected Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta from 1966 to 1968. In 1999, the Law Society of Alberta awarded him a Lifetime Achievement Award.

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