



## In Memoriam

### **Richard J. Scott, Q.C., FEC (Hon)** **1953 – 2018**

**August 21, 2018**



It is with profound sadness the Federation of Law Societies of Canada announces the sudden passing of Richard J. Scott, Q.C.

At the time of his death, Richard was Vice President and President-Elect of the Federation, the national coordinating body for Canada's 14 provincial and territorial law societies that regulate Canada's legal profession in the public interest. He was to have become the 84th President of the Federation in November of this year.

Richard earned a B.B.A. and LL.B. from the University of New Brunswick, and was called to the bar in New Brunswick in 1976. He practiced law in Fredericton for more than 40 years, originally with the firm Hanson Hachey. In 1980 he moved to Hoyt Mockler Allen and Dixon, and in 2007 he joined McInnes Cooper in a merger of law firms.

He had served on the Council of the Federation since 2013, representing the Law Society of New Brunswick. He gave generously of his time serving as a member of numerous Federation committees and as Chair of the Public Affairs and Government Relations Committee. He was a passionate supporter of CanLII, the Federation's online legal information search engine, and was a former member of CanLII's Board of Directors.

Prior to joining the Federation Council, Richard had been a dedicated volunteer and leader of the Law Society of New Brunswick for 25 years, including as its President and Bâtonnier for the 2012-2013 term.

Richard loved the law and expressed it best through legal research and writing, and appellate advocacy. He enjoyed considerable success as an appellate advocate and was appointed as a "friend of the court" by the New Brunswick Court of Appeal to argue specific points of view not captured by the parties to the proceedings.

His passion for law was also reflected in his involvement as a member of the Statutory Rules Committee under the New Brunswick Judicature Act, a member of the New Brunswick Court of Appeal Bar Liaison Committee, and a member of the Canadian Association for Legal Ethics. He was appointed Queen's Council in 2003.

Richard was also active in supporting the engineering profession in New Brunswick, teaching the engineering law and ethics course at the University of New Brunswick (UNB) for more than 25 years. In 2017, he was awarded an honorary fellowship in Engineers Canada for his dedication and service to that profession.

He was a former President of the UNB Alumni Association, and a former member of UNB's Board of Governors and Academic Senates. He also served as a public representative on the governing Council of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick.

Combined with his sense of fairness and desire to hear all sides of an issue, his contributions were always given with the best interests of the public in mind. His attention to detail in all things was legendary. To all who were privileged to know him, he will above all be remembered as a gentle soul.

Richard passed away at home in Fredericton.