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**The Superior Court of Justice
in Ontario is unique...**



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Chief Justice Heather J. Smith

Message from the Chief Justice

FORMER CHIEF JUSTICES
of the Superior Court of Justice
[1990–1994](#)

The Hon. Mr. Justice F. Callaghan
[1994–1996](#)

The Hon. Mr. Justice R. McMurtry
[1996–2002](#)

The Hon. Mr. Justice P. LeSage

As Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice, I am honoured to introduce the first Annual Report of the Superior Court for the fiscal year 2007–2008.

This Court is one of the busiest and most accomplished trial courts in the world. I welcome the opportunity to provide the public with a better understanding of the deep history and breadth of work of the Superior Court. This Report also highlights the different roles and responsibilities of those who make up our Court, along with the administrative structures of its various committees and its staff.

This inaugural Report provides a comprehensive outline of the history, the authority and the scope of the Superior Court — the work, the Regions and the judges. This will be the foundational document for future reports to provide an even more in depth look into the world of our Court. The introduction of this Report is particularly timely as we evolve from the traditional Opening of Courts address each year, to recording this valuable information in the written form.

This Court's achievements in the last year would not have been possible without the support and wise counsel afforded to me by all members of the Council of Regional Senior Judges. I am truly grateful to these dedicated and committed judges who serve so diligently as the executive of our Court.

I would like to extend my profound thanks to all of the judges of the Superior Court of Justice who are so strongly committed to the core values of judicial service — devotion to the law, to the administration of justice and to serving the public.

In addition, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my capable and hard-working staff for their superior efforts in supporting the Office of the Chief Justice.

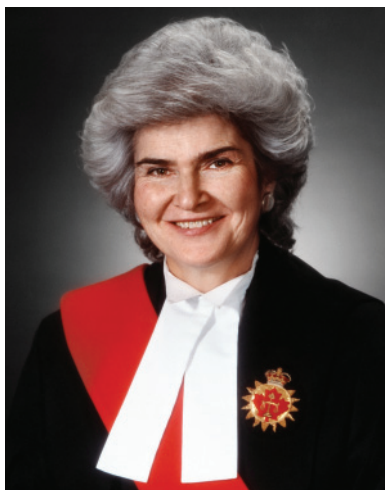
And finally on behalf of the Court, my thanks to all court staff, at all locations, for ensuring that every aspect of the justice system continues to operate smoothly and efficiently.

I invite everyone to take a few moments to consider the history, operations and responsibilities of the Superior Court of Justice, which are outlined in this Report. As always, we will strive to improve and enhance our approach to the administration of justice and the law for all Ontarians. This first Annual Report of the Superior Court will serve as constant reflection of our dedication to ensuring the integrity of our courts, the law, and the justice system as a whole.

Yours Truly,



Heather J. Smith,
Chief Justice



*The Hon. Madam Justice Heather J. Smith,
Chief Justice*

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the whole justice system.**

Associate Chief Justice J. Douglas Cunningham

Message from the Associate Chief Justice

FORMER ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICES
of the Superior Court of Justice

1991–1994

The Hon. Mr. Justice R. McMurtry

1994–1996

The Hon. Mr. Justice P. LeSage

1996–2002

The Hon. Madam Justice H. Smith

I am pleased to join with Chief Justice Smith in presenting the Superior Court's first Annual Report.

This is a time of tremendous change in the justice system and there are many pressures facing our court. The Chief Justice and I work closely with the Superior Court's Regional Senior Judges Council to address these issues and to resolve the many challenges we face.

As Associate Chief Justice, I undertake a myriad of responsibilities on behalf of the Court, in addition to maintaining a very full sitting schedule. One of the areas I am deeply involved in is the administration of our Divisional Court where I not only sit regularly across the province, but work closely with the Registrar and the Administrative Judge. This branch of our court is one of the busiest appellate courts in Canada. In addition to its considerable civil and statutory appellate jurisdiction, the Divisional Court regularly reviews decisions of various administrative tribunals. Hopefully our efforts over the last several years to enhance the performance of this branch of our court have been successful. We continually strive to ensure that those appearing before this court have timely and affordable access to justice.

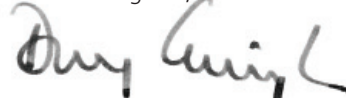
Another area in which I am involved is the Small Claims Court where I serve as Chair of the Deputy Judges Council, the statutory governing body responsible for reporting on the administration of this branch of our court. This court is a forum in which individual citizens often have their first contact with our civil justice system. Almost half of all civil litigation in Ontario is conducted in the Small Claims Court. As always, working with deputy judges, administrative judges and staff, we try to ensure that matters dealt with in the Small Claims Court are handled as efficiently and inexpensively as possible.

I also have general responsibility for managing approvals for individual judges to participate in professional development such as conferences and seminars. These educational opportunities are illustrative of how every one of our judges, as well as the whole Superior Court, is committed to improving the performance of the justice system in Ontario.

The significant challenges that our court faces include issues that impact on individuals, as well as on the whole justice system. This first Annual Report aptly demonstrates the breadth and scope of matters heard by the entire Superior Court of Justice, region by region. It also highlights some of the significant activities of our court and its members, and gives some perspective on the amount and quality of work we all undertake in one of the largest trial courts of superior jurisdiction in the world.

I hope you enjoy this first Annual Report.

Warmest regards,



J. Douglas Cunningham,
Associate Chief Justice



The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Douglas Cunningham,
Associate Chief Justice

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Introduction

The Superior Court of Justice in Ontario is unique among the courts of the province. It is a court of *inherent jurisdiction*, meaning that it does not derive its existence from legislation as the other courts of the province do. Instead, the Superior Court's jurisdiction is rooted in the history of the first courts of England, whose authority over government actions were based in the *Magna Carta*. The Superior Court of today is *entrenched* in our modern Canadian *Constitution*, guaranteeing that the Court continues its inherent and protective authority. Members of the public who engage in proceedings in the Superior Court should know that they are participating in a court process that distinctively traces its foundation to the very foundations of the common law system.

Beyond its seminal history, today's Superior Court of Justice in Ontario holds a place of major importance in the Canadian judicial system. The Court presides in 51 locations across Ontario and is the largest superior trial court in the country, both in the volume of cases and the number of judges. In the 12 month period ending March 31, 2008, a total of 212,082 new proceedings were commenced in the Court. All judges of the Court are appointed by the federal government and derive their *inherent jurisdiction* from their appointments under section 96 of the *Constitution Act*. The Superior Court's complement of full-time judges, currently 231, is fixed by regulation.¹ With jurisdiction over criminal, civil and family matters, the Superior Court of Justice touches the lives of countless Ontarians in significant ways.

These are only some of the notable and distinctive aspects of the Superior Court of Justice in Ontario that are explored in this first edition of the Court's Annual Report.

History of the Superior Court of Justice

The origins of the Superior Court of Justice can be traced back to the 1790s, when what is now Ontario was known as Upper Canada. At that time, the court system was based on English common law and modeled after the English system. By the 1830s, Upper Canada had a fully-functioning judicial system including superior, county and district courts; a court of equity (called the Court of Chancery); and a small claims court (called Division Court).

The common law and equity courts were merged in 1881 under the *Ontario Judicature Act* to create the new Supreme Court of Ontario with two branches: the High Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal. More recent milestones include the creation of the Divisional Court that was added to the Supreme Court of Ontario in 1970 and the establishment of a province-wide District Court combining district, county and general sessions courts in 1985.

The *Courts of Justice Act* establishes the legal framework for Ontario's court structure and court proceedings. The Act was substantially rewritten in 1989 to implement reforms designed to make the court system more accessible.

The *Courts of Justice Amendment Act, 1989* created one large superior trial court when the High Court of Justice for Ontario merged with the District Court and the Surrogate Court. This new superior trial court was called the Ontario Court (General Division). The former provincial court continued on as the Ontario Court (Provincial Division).² The Small Claims Court and the Divisional Court were continued as branches of the General Division. The court reform legislation also regionalized the administration of the courts by creating eight judicial regions for the General Division.

The name of the Ontario Court (General Division) was changed to the Superior Court of Justice in April 1999 when the *Courts Improvement Act, 1996* came into force.

Jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Justice

The Superior Court of Justice in Ontario has inherent jurisdiction over criminal, civil and family cases, arising from Ontario's common law traditions. The Court has all the jurisdiction, power and authority historically exercised by courts of common law and equity in England and Ontario. The Superior Court's inherent jurisdiction gives it authority to hear any matter that is not specifically assigned to another level of court. The Court also has authority over matters granted to it by federal and provincial statutes.

CRIMINAL

*The Criminal Code*³ codifies the Superior Court's power to try any indictable offence. However, the Superior Court generally tries only the most serious offences. These include aggravated assault, manslaughter, murder, drug trafficking, treason and other offences against the security of the state, or an attempt or conspiracy to commit one of these offences. An individual accused of these offences is tried by a judge of the Superior Court, with or without a jury.

The Superior Court also has appellate authority over summary conviction criminal cases heard in the Ontario Court of Justice.

By the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 2008, a total of **4,141** criminal proceedings had been commenced in the Superior Court of Justice.

CIVIL

The Superior Court of Justice hears all civil proceedings in Ontario, exercising original or trial jurisdiction in civil matters. For example, the Court hears bankruptcy and insolvency cases, commercial cases, personal injury cases, and estates-related litigation. As well, the Court has some appellate jurisdiction under various statutes.

Between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008, a total of **84,054** civil proceedings had been commenced in the Superior Court of Justice

(not including approximately 20,000 uncontested estates matters, and not including any Small Claims Court or Divisional Court cases which are described in the following sections).

REMAINING PROVINCIAL
COURT JUDGES

who continue to serve the Small
Claims Court of the Superior Court
of Justice

1987–

The Hon. Mr. Justice D. Godfrey

1987–

The Hon. Madam Justice P. Thomson

1979–2008

The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Radley

1978–

The Hon. Mr. Justice C. Tierney

The [Small Claims Court](#), a branch of the Superior Court, offers a forum to bring or defend civil claims involving \$10,000 or less in money or property. The Rules of the Small Claims Court provide for streamlined procedures. Cases in Small Claims Court are usually determined at a lower cost and much more quickly than cases in the Superior Court.

Typically, a Small Claims Court proceeding is presided over by a deputy judge. Deputy judges are appointed by the Regional Senior Judge, with the approval of the Ontario Attorney General, for a three-year term. As of March 31, 2008, there were 402 deputy judges on the roster of the Small Claims Court, plus one full-time and three *per diem* provincially appointed judges.

The Small Claims Court is the busiest civil court in Ontario. Between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008, **63,633** new proceedings had been commenced at the more than 90 Small Claims Court locations in Ontario.

The [Divisional Court](#) is also a branch of the Superior Court. However, it is not a trial court. It hears judicial reviews of government action in Ontario, statutory appeals from Ontario administrative tribunals, and some civil appeals from orders not exceeding \$50,000. The Divisional Court includes the Chief Justice, the Associate Chief Justice and other Superior Court judges designated by the Chief Justice. A proceeding is usually heard and decided by a panel of three judges. However, hearings may be held before a single judge in urgent matters and in certain other circumstances.

The Divisional Court sits regularly in Toronto throughout the year and schedules sittings in all other regions of the province at various times.

The Divisional Court is one of the busiest appellate courts in Canada, with **1,362** new proceedings commenced by the end of the fiscal year.

FAMILY

The Superior Court has sole jurisdiction, under federal law, in any family case involving divorce and the division of property, in every one of its 50 court locations across the province. Since family law involves both federal and provincial statutes, family proceedings are divided between the Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Justice in most locations. Child protection and adoption cases, which fall under provincial law, must be commenced in the Ontario Court. Both courts have jurisdiction over child and spousal support as well as child custody and access.

In 17 of the 50 Superior Court locations in Ontario, the split jurisdiction between the Superior Court and the Ontario Court has been unified under the *Courts of Justice Act*, to create the Family Court, a branch of the Superior Court. At any Family Court site, all family matters are heard, including divorce, division of property, support, custody and access, child protection and adoption. The Family Court consists of the Chief Justice, the Associate Chief Justice, the Senior Family Judge, the judges specifically appointed as members of the Family Court, and all other judges of the Superior Court, assigned to the Family Court from time to time by the Chief Justice.

The Family Court was originally known as the Unified Family Court (UFC) and began as a pilot project in Hamilton in 1977. The UFC did what the name implies, combining jurisdiction to hear matters under both federal and provincial family law statutes into one court. The pilot project became permanent in 1984. Ten years later, in 1994, the Family Court was established as a branch of what was then called, the Ontario Court (General Division), under an amendment to the *Courts of Justice Act*. The UFC became part of the Family Court at that time and four new Family Court locations were added: London, Barrie, Kingston and Napanee. Twelve more sites opened in 1999, so that all court locations in the Central East Region (Bracebridge, Cobourg, Durham Region, Lindsay, Newmarket and Peterborough) and most of the East Region (Brockville, Cornwall, L'Orignal, Ottawa and Perth), along with St. Catharines in the Central South Region became Family Court branch sites.

As of July 1, 2004, all family proceedings commenced in any court in Ontario are governed by the same *Family Law Rules*.

Various support services, developed collaboratively between the Ministry of the Attorney General and the judiciary, are offered at the Family Court sites—including Family Law Information Centres (FLICs), mediation services, parent information sessions, supervised access exchange facilities and legal aid duty counsel and advice counsel.

FORMER SENIOR FAMILY JUDGES of the Family Court Branch of the Superior Court of Justice

1999–2001

The Hon. Mr. Justice D. Steinberg

2001–2004

The Hon. Madam Justice M.L. Benotto

2005–2008

The Hon. Mr. Justice D. Aston



The Hon. Mr. Justice David Aston,
Senior Family Judge

REGIONS WITH FAMILY COURT
BRANCH LOCATIONS

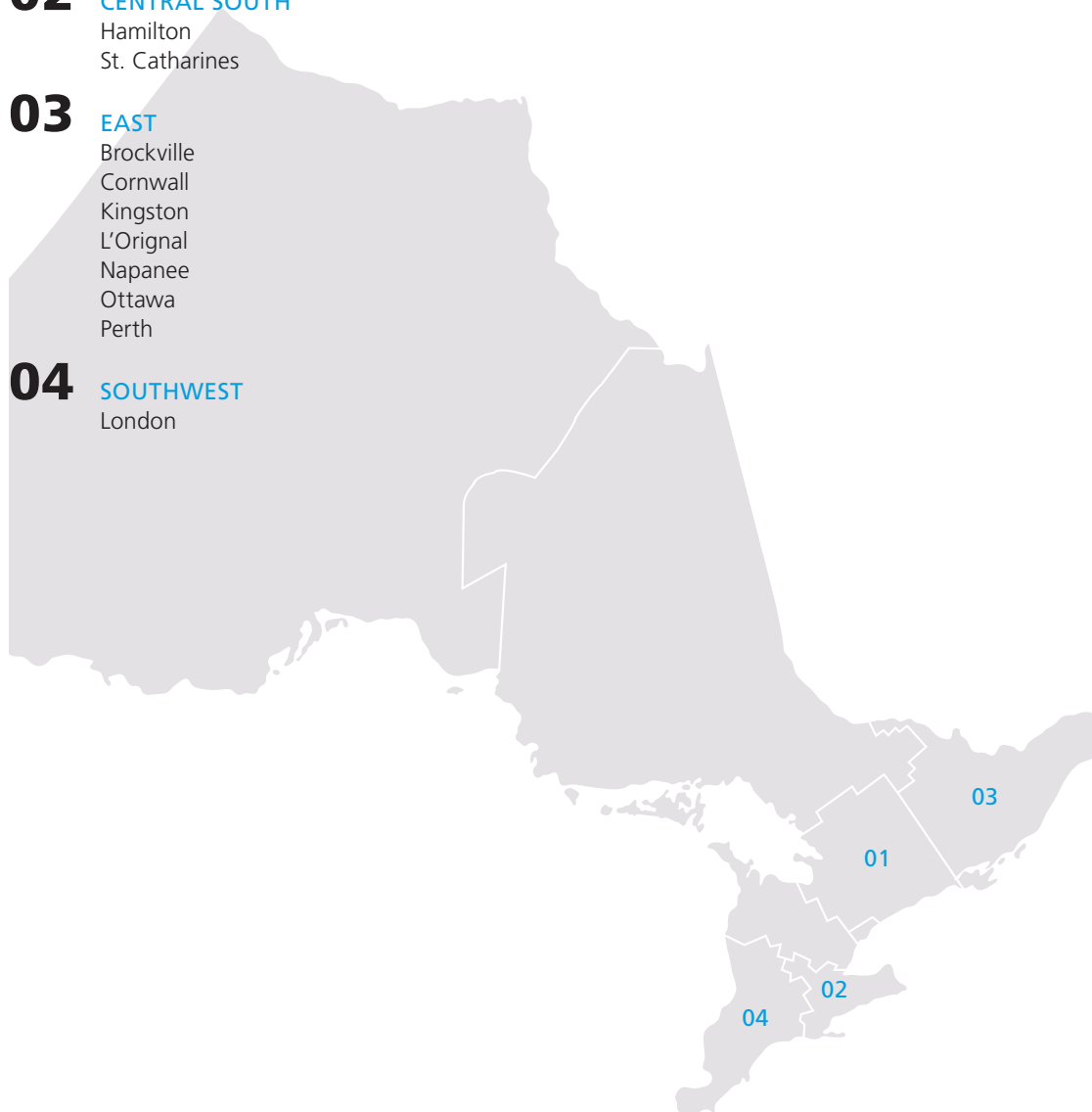
01 **CENTRAL EAST**
Barrie
Bracebridge
Cobourg
Durham (Oshawa/Whitby)
Lindsay
Newmarket
Peterborough

02 **CENTRAL SOUTH**
Hamilton
St. Catharines

03 **EAST**
Brockville
Cornwall
Kingston
L'Orignal
Napanee
Ottawa
Perth

04 **SOUTHWEST**
London

Between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008, a total of **58,892** new family proceedings had been commenced in the Superior Court of Justice: 31,371 in Family Court branch locations and 27,521 in non-Family Court branch locations.



Constitutional Division of Responsibility

Canada's Constitution divides responsibility for the courts between the federal and provincial governments. Under section 96 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, the federal government appoints judges to the superior, district and county courts of each province. Under section 92(14), the administration of justice—including the maintenance of civil and criminal courts—is exclusively within the power of the provinces. In Ontario, responsibility for the administration of justice falls to the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Ontario's *Courts of Justice Act*⁴ establishes the statutory goals for courts administration. The courts must be administered to maintain the independence of the judiciary, recognize the very separate and distinct roles and responsibilities of the Attorney General and the judiciary, encourage public access to the courts and public confidence in the administration of justice, further the provision of high-quality services to the public, and promote the efficient use of public resources.

The Act⁵ defines the role of the Attorney General in courts administration, stating that the Attorney General shall superintend all matters connected with the administration of the courts, other than the following:

- (1) matters assigned by law to the judiciary, including authority to direct and supervise the sittings and the assignment of the judicial duties of the court;
- (2) matters related to the education, conduct and discipline of judges and justices of the peace, which are governed by other provisions of the Act, the *Justices of the Peace Act* and federal legislation; and
- (3) matters assigned to the judiciary by a memorandum of understanding on court administration between the Attorney General and the Chief Justice of a court.

The most recent key development in the evolution of the constitutional division of responsibilities between the Attorney General and the courts took place in 2007. In October 2007, new amendments to the *Courts of Justice Act* authorized the Attorney General of Ontario and the Chief Justice of the Superior Court to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU).⁶ These amendments are a significant feature of Part V of the Act which focuses on the roles and responsibilities of the courts and the Attorney General. The MOU between the Attorney General of Ontario and the Chief Justice of the Superior Court will serve as a foundational document to guide the interpretation of their appropriate roles in and the proper support for courts administration. The MOU will achieve two key accomplishments:

- (1) recognizing and formalizing *existing* arrangements between the two parties; and
- (2) creating a framework for *future* agreements to improve the administration of justice.

Throughout 2007 and 2008, the Superior Court of Justice worked in collaboration with the Ministry of the Attorney General to develop the terms of the MOU.⁷

The courts must be administered to maintain the independence of the judiciary...

Roles and Responsibilities of Judicial Officials

The Superior Court of Justice includes the following judges: the Chief Justice, the Associate Chief Justice, eight Regional Senior Judges, and the Senior Judge of the Family Court. These 11 judges make up the executive of the court — the Regional Senior Judges Council. All other judges are known as *puisne* judges. In all, there were 301 judges of the Superior Court, including 71 supernumerary judges, as of March 31, 2008.

As of March 31, 2008, the Superior Court was also served by three masters and 16 case management masters (judicial officials appointed by the provincial government to hear certain matters under the *Rules of Civil Procedure*) and by non-judicial officials such as registrars in bankruptcy and assessment officers. In addition, there were 402 deputy judges on the roster of the Small Claims Court as of March 31, 2008, plus one full-time and three *per diem* provincially appointed judges.

CHIEF JUSTICE

The Chief Justice has numerous statutory responsibilities under various federal and provincial laws. For example, under the *Courts of Justice Act*, the Chief Justice has the authority to direct and supervise the sittings of the Superior Court and the assignment of judicial duties.⁸ Some of the statutory powers and duties of the Chief Justice, as set out in the Act⁹ include:

- (1) determining the sittings of the court;
- (2) assigning judges to the sittings;
- (3) assigning cases and other judicial duties to individual judges;
- (4) determining the sitting schedules and places of sittings for individual judges;
- (5) determining the total annual, monthly and weekly workload of individual judges; and
- (6) preparing trial lists and assigning courtrooms, to the extent necessary to control the determination of who is assigned to hear particular cases.

The Act enables the Chief Justice to delegate authority to a Regional Senior Judge to exercise these powers in his or her region.¹⁰ The Act also provides for the assignment of judges to the different regions across the province. The Chief Justice must assign every judge of the Superior Court to a region and may reassign a judge from one region to another.¹¹

Some of the Chief Justice's other statutory powers include appointing various officials and representatives such as: registrars in bankruptcy, members of committees including the Rules Committees and the Family Court community liaison and community resources committees, *ad hoc* appointments to the Court of Appeal and *per diem* provincial court judges. The Chief Justice is also responsible for reporting and approving judicial leaves of absence and responding to complaints and disciplinary issues for case management masters.

Apart from these specific statutory obligations, the Chief Justice has significant duties under the common law, including an overarching responsibility to protect the Court's institutional independence. As legal scholar, Peter Hogg has written:

“It is the Chief Justice of each superior court who manages the relationship between the court and the government... The Chief Justice has a unique responsibility... for safeguarding the independence of the judiciary.”¹²

This responsibility requires the Chief Justice to serve as lead communicator and liaison with the federal and provincial governments and also with the many partners in the justice system — including other levels of court, the bar, and stakeholders such as the National Judicial Institute and the Canadian Judicial Council (CJC). In fulfilling these duties, the Chief Justice responds to approximately 3,000 pieces of correspondence each year and makes formal remarks on behalf of the Superior Court on approximately 100 different occasions annually. In 2007, the Chief Justice also completed her term as chair of the CJC’s Trial Courts Standing Committee.

ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE

Under the *Courts of Justice Act*, if the Chief Justice is absent from Ontario or for any reason is unable to act, the Associate Chief Justice performs and exercises his or her duties and powers.¹³

As well as these statutory responsibilities, the Associate Chief Justice performs various duties on behalf of the Court — including liaising with the Administrative Judge of the Divisional Court to ensure the effective administration of justice in this branch of the Superior Court. The Associate Chief Justice is also the Chair of the Deputy Judges Council and plays a leadership role with respect to Small Claims Court matters on behalf of the Court.

REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES

For administrative purposes, the Court is broken down into eight judicial regions across the province. Subject to the authority of the Chief Justice, each Regional Senior Judge exercises the powers and performs the duties of the Chief Justice in his or her region.¹⁴ In particular, the Regional Senior Judge exercises the powers of the Chief Justice to direct and supervise sittings and assign judicial duties in the region.¹⁵

A Regional Senior Judge, in turn, may delegate specified functions to another Superior Court judge in the region.¹⁶ For example, Regional Senior Judges designate Local Administrative Judges to assign and schedule cases at certain court sites or in special jurisdictions. In addition, Regional Senior Judges appoint deputy judges of the Small Claims Court in their regions with the approval of the Attorney General¹⁷ and also manage complaints and disciplinary matters concerning deputy judges.¹⁸

SENIOR FAMILY JUDGE

The Courts of Justice Act sets out the duties of the Senior Judge of the Family Court.¹⁹ He or she is responsible for providing advice to the Chief Justice on specific matters concerning the Family Court—including judicial education, practice and procedure, Family Court expansion, and expenditure of budgeted funds. As well, the Senior Family Judge meets with the community liaison and community resources committees at each Family Court site.

Under the Act, the Senior Family Judge also performs other duties related to the Family Court as assigned by the Chief Justice. These responsibilities may include working with the Ministry of the Attorney General and other stakeholders to improve family law proceedings at all Superior Court locations. In addition to the specific statutory duties relating to the Family Court, the Senior Family Judge also advises the Chief Justice on family law matters at all Superior Court sites.

Administrative Structure of the Superior Court of Justice

REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES COUNCIL

Under the *Courts of Justice Act*, the Chief Justice may hold meetings with the Associate Chief Justice, the Regional Senior Judges and the Senior Family Judge to consider matters concerning sittings of the Superior Court, assignment of judicial duties, the rules of court and the administration of justice generally.²⁰ These provisions of the Act are the basis for the Regional Senior Judges Council, which functions as the “executive committee” for the Superior Court of Justice.

The Council includes the Chief Justice, the Associate Chief Justice, the Senior Family Judge and the Regional Senior Judges. It operates on a consensual model to provide advice to the Chief Justice on high-level policy and governance issues affecting the administration of the court.

Generally, the Council meets every month to consider issues raised by its members or other judges. It also provides a forum for the Regional Senior Judges to provide feedback on policy proposals after consultation with judges in their regions.

COMMITTEES

To assist the Chief Justice and the Regional Senior Judges Council in managing the affairs of the Court, a series of committees have been established. Some of these committees report directly to the Chief Justice, others report to Council. Others liaise more informally with the senior administrative judges of the Court and involve other judges or staff in the Office of the Chief Justice.

Workload and Wellness Committee

The Workload and Wellness Committee was established by the Chief Justice in 2007. Under the terms of reference endorsed by the Regional Senior Judges Council and approved by the Chief Justice, the committee examines judicial concerns related to workload and wellness and develops recommendations for Council’s consideration to assist the judges of the Court in meeting the challenges they face.

The committee has established five priorities for its work:

- (1) communications;
- (2) judicial complement;
- (3) family law proceedings;
- (4) scheduling; and
- (5) government relations.

Security Committee

The Security Committee assists judges of the Court to address security concerns. Accomplishments in recent years include the provision of duress alarms in all judicial chambers, the development of a threat response protocol for judges, a risk threat assessment protocol, and a package of security tips and best practices.

WORKLOAD AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2007–2008

- Associate Chief Justice
J.D. Cunningham – Chair
- Regional Senior Judge M. Brown
- Regional Senior Judge B. Durno
- Senior Family Judge D. Aston
- The Hon. Madam Justice R. Mesbur
- The Hon. Mr. Justice G. Valin

SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2007

- Regional Senior Judge E. Then
- The Hon. Mr. Justice J. McMahon

SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2008 (NEW MANDATE)

- Regional Senior Judge E. Then – Chair
- Regional Senior Judge S. Glithero
- Regional Senior Judge C. Hackland
- The Hon. Mr. Justice J. McMahon

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2007

- The Hon. Mr. Justice D. Lane – Chair (1994–2007)
- The Hon. Madam Justice A. Molloy (2005–2007)

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2008 (NEW MANDATE)

- Regional Senior Judge – *ad hoc*
Chair for facilities location issues
in his or her Region
- The Hon. Madam Justice A. Molloy
- The Hon. Mr. Justice I. Nordheimer
- The Hon. Mr. Justice B. Shaughnessy

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2007–2008

- The Hon. Madam Justice
M. Fuerst – Spring
2007 Seminar Senior Chair
- Senior Family Judge D. Aston
- Regional Senior Judge C. Hackland
- The Hon. Mr. Justice
E. Ducharme – Spring
Seminar 2007 Junior Chair & Fall
2007 Seminar Senior Chair
- The Hon. Mr. Justice
T. Archibald – Fall 2007
Seminar Junior Chair
- The Hon. Mr. Justice P. Smith

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2007–2008

- Regional Senior Judge
J. Poupore – Chair
- The Hon. Madam Justice G. Pardu
- The Hon. Madam Justice M. Fuerst
- The Hon. Madam Justice L. Ratushny

ARTICLING COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2005–2008

- The Hon. Madam Justice B. Croll
– Co-Chair
- The Hon. Madam Justice H. Sachs
– Co-Chair
- The Hon. Mr. Justice E. Ducharme
- The Hon. Madam Justice H. Polowin

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee is newly mandated to consider, review and provide strategic advice on courthouse facility issues. It reports to the Chief Justice and may recommend policy for consideration by the Chief Justice and Regional Senior Judges Council. The Facilities Committee is mandated to represent the interests of the Court and liaise with the Ontario government, the Ontario Court of Justice, the local judiciary and other partners in the justice system.

Education Committee

The Education Committee collaborates with the National Judicial Institute to organize two court-wide judicial educational seminars each year. The Education Committee is mandated by the Chief Justice to develop all presentations and materials for these three-day conferences held each Spring and Fall. Three members are appointed by the Chief Justice and three members are recommended by the Ontario Superior Court Judges Association to serve for staggered three-year terms. This committee produces consistently informative judicial educational seminars for all the judges of the Superior Court.

Library Committee

The mandate of the Library Committee is to advise the Chief Justice on judicial libraries, to consult with and advise the Manager of Judicial Library Services on the Court's library needs, and to act as a liaison between the Chief Justice and the Manager. For example, the committee makes recommendations about new technology projects for the provision of legal research and information services. One member of the committee speaks for bilingual needs, another represents northern needs, while a third liaises with the Education Committee. The Committee ensures the maintenance and adherence to the judicial library standards at all Superior Court locations.

Articling Committee

The Articling Student Committee oversees the coordination of the Superior Court of Justice Clerkship Program. The Committee is responsible for developing province-wide policies and guidelines related to the 21 law clerks who serve the judges of the Superior Court of Justice, including education, training and recruitment. The mandate of the Committee includes reviewing the nature of the role of the law clerks and assessing how they can best provide legal research assistance to the judges of the Court. Since judicial law clerks at the Superior Court are also articling students, the Committee outlines the educational needs of law clerks based on the licensing requirements of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

The Office of the Chief Justice supports the largest judicial complement and highest caseload of any superior trial court in Canada.

The Office of the Chief Justice consists of a central office and eight regional offices. The central office is located at Osgoode Hall in Toronto. The Executive Legal Officer is the senior executive responsible for all operations of the Office of the Chief Justice and also provides legal advice to the Chief Justice and the judges of the court. The central office is staffed by four other counsel, the Executive Administrative Officer, the Information Technology Unit, and several other administrative support positions. This group advises and supports the Chief Justice.

Counsel and the Executive Administrative Officer, assisted by administrative support in the central office, provide legal, administrative and policy-development support for the Regional Senior Judges Council. In addition, counsel support senior judges serving on the Civil and Family Rules Committees and on the Court's Facilities and Security Committees.

The Office of the Chief Justice serves as the interface between the judiciary and provincial and federal governments by liaising with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, the federal Department of Justice and other justice sector partners. This role involves participation at standing operational, policy and technical tables and collaboration on specific projects and *ad hoc* committees by bringing the Court's perspective to these organizations.

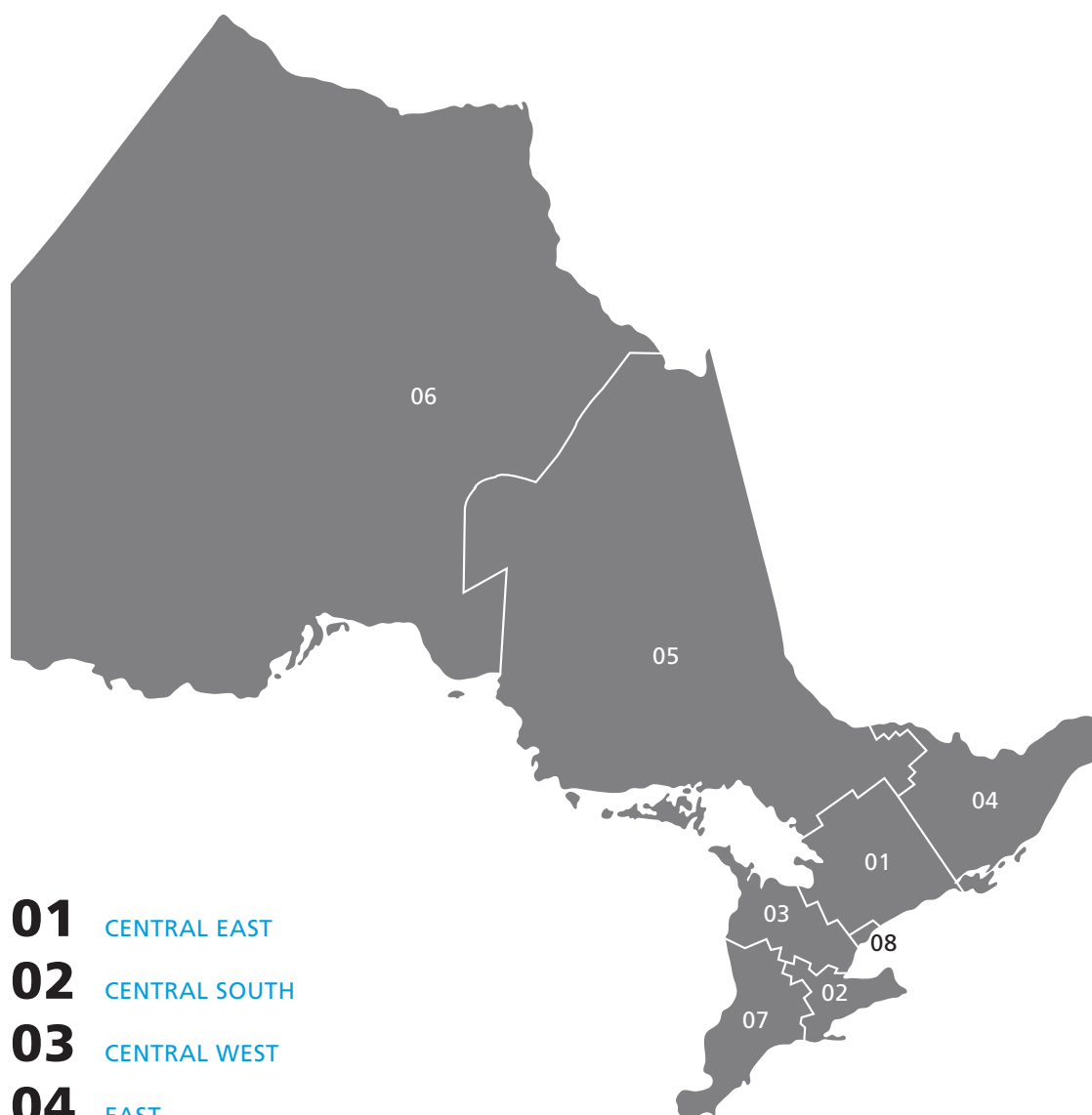
In addition, the Office of the Chief Justice includes the eight Regional Managers—Judicial Services, and a regional staff with more than 70 trial coordinators, who assist the Regional Senior Judges with their scheduling and assignment duties.

In the summer of 2007, after three years of exemplary service as the Executive Legal Officer of the Superior Court of Justice, Mr. Paul J. Evraire, Q.C., returned to his permanent position with the federal Department of Justice in Toronto. With a seamless transition, in June 2007, Ms. Roslyn J. Levine, Q.C., joined the Office of the Chief Justice as the new Executive Legal Officer after 30 years with the Department of Justice.

The Legal Research Facility, also part of the Office of the Chief Justice, performs legal research for all 300 judges of the Superior Court of Justice. Twenty-one law clerks—who are articling students fulfilling their professional licensing requirements with the Law Society of Upper Canada—are supervised by mentor judges with the assistance of a dedicated legal counsel who supervises the Legal Research Facility. Many of the law clerks are physically located in the regional offices, while the remainder are located in Toronto.

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Regions of the Superior Court of Justice



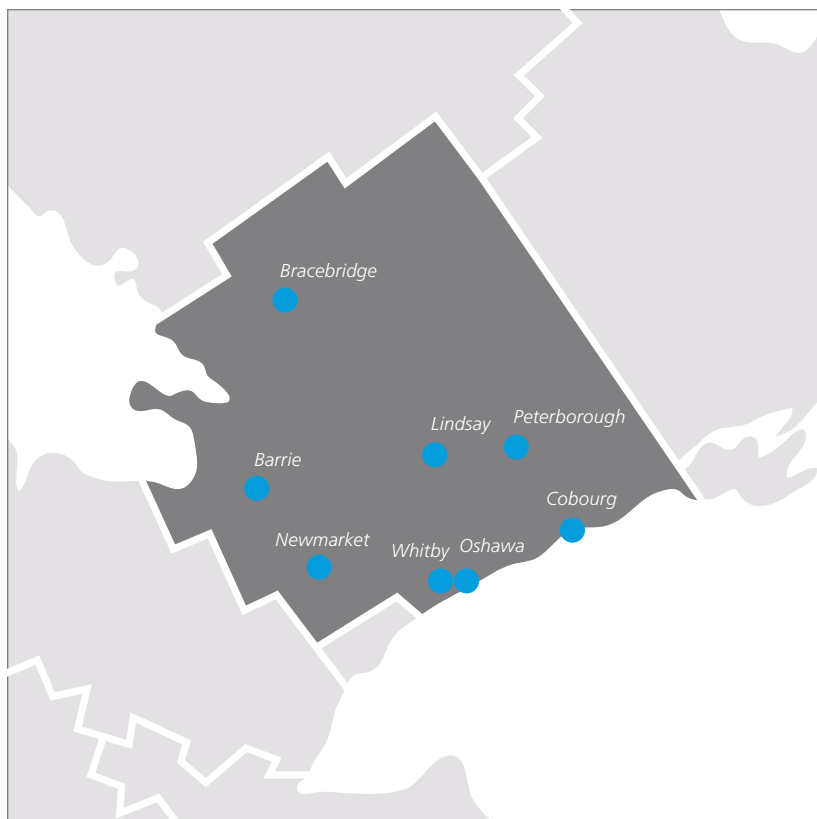
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- 02** CENTRAL SOUTH
- 03** CENTRAL WEST
- 04** EAST
- 05** NORTHEAST
- 06** NORTHWEST
- 07** SOUTHWEST
- 08** TORONTO

01 CENTRAL EAST

The Honourable Mr. Justice Michael Brown is the Regional Senior Judge in Central East. There were 38 Superior Court judges in the region as of March 31, 2008.

The Central East Region includes the regional judicial centre of Newmarket, as well as 6 other court locations in Barrie, Bracebridge, Cobourg, Durham (Whitby/Oshawa), Lindsay, and Peterborough. Central East is unique in that every court location has a Family Court site.

The Regional Senior Judge has designated a Local Administrative Judge to assign and schedule cases in each of these regional centres.



FORMER REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES in the Central East Region

1990–1996

The Hon. Madam Justice J. MacFarland

1996–1999

The Hon. Mr. Justice D. Logan

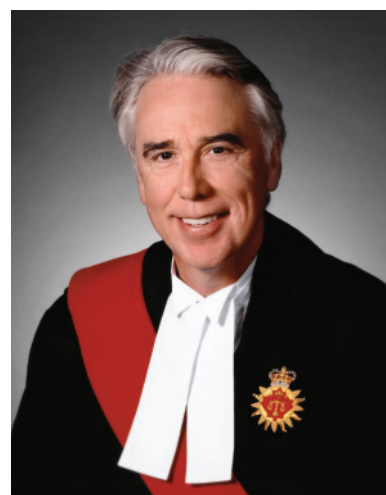
2000–2007

The Hon. Mr. Justice B. Shaughnessy

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES BY CENTRE

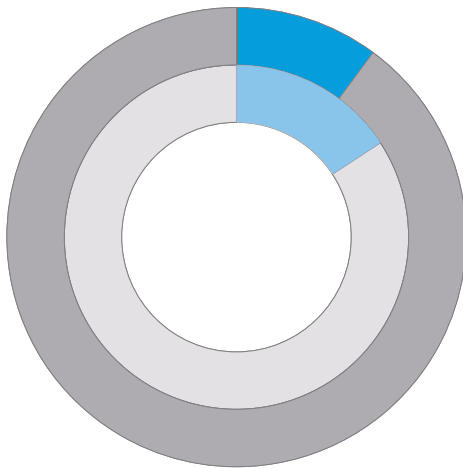
Central East Region

- The Hon. Mr. Justice J. MacKinnon, Barrie
- The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Weekes, Bracebridge
- The Hon. Mr. Justice E. Minden, Newmarket
- The Hon. Mr. Justice B. MacDougall, Tri-Counties (Peterborough, Lindsay and Cobourg)
- The Hon. Mr. Justice A. Rowsell, Durham (Whitby/Oshawa)

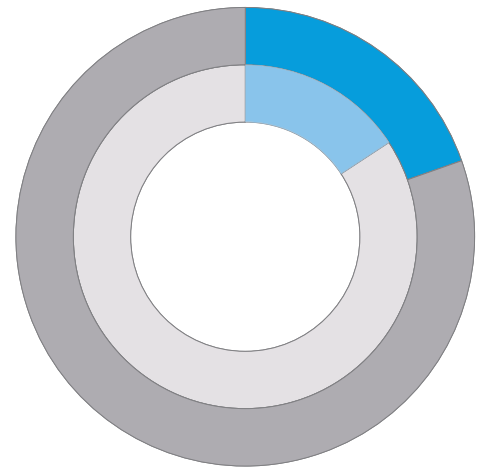


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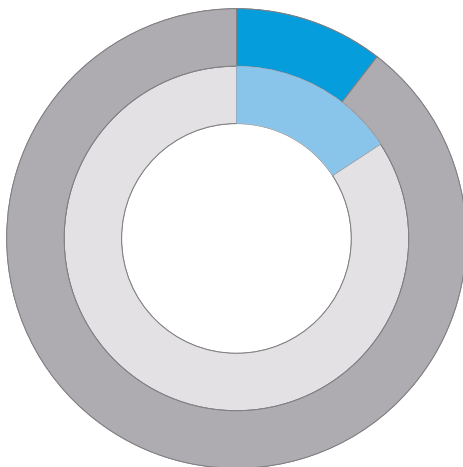
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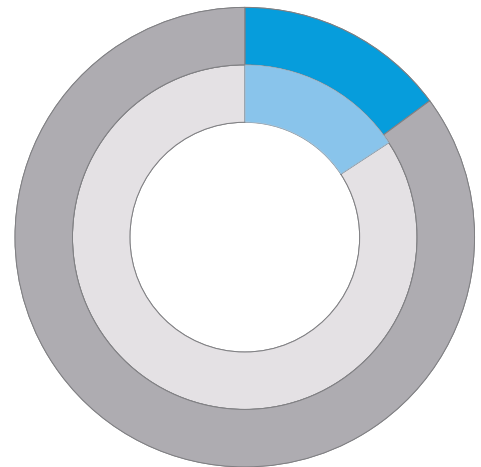
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CE: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



14,380
CE: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
58,892
ON: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
2,404,980
CE: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



485
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ON: POPULATION



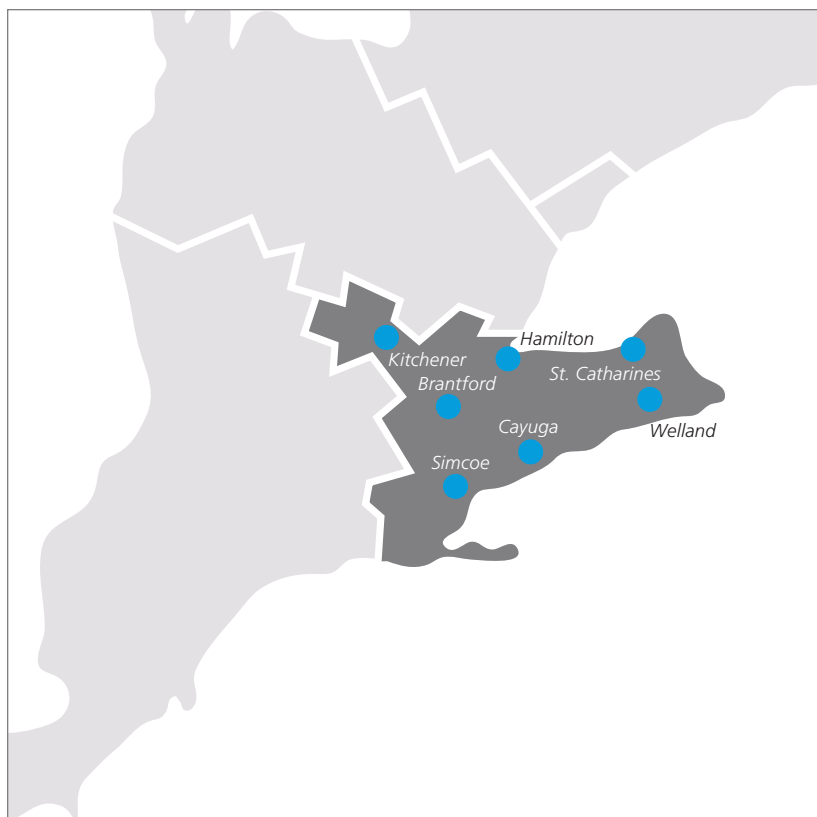
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CE: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION

02 CENTRAL SOUTH

The Honourable Mr. Justice Stephen Glithero is the Regional Senior Judge in Central South. There were 35 Superior Court judges in the region as of March 31, 2008.

The Central South Region includes the regional judicial centre of Hamilton, as well as 6 other court locations in Brantford, Cayuga, Kitchener, St. Catharines, Simcoe and Welland. Family Court sites are located in Hamilton and St. Catharines.

The Regional Senior Judge has designated a Local Administrative Judge to assign and schedule cases in each of these regional centres.



FORMER REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES in the Central South Region

1990–1992

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. White

1992–2001

The Hon. Mr. Justice E. Fedak

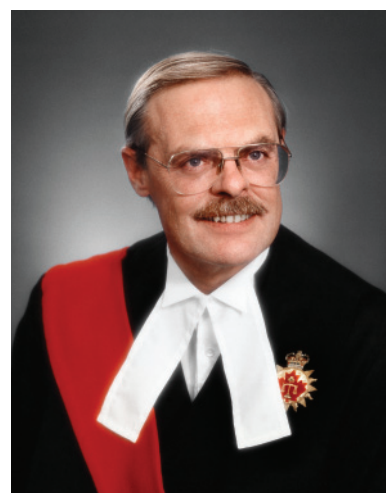
2001–2006

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Kent

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES BY CENTRE

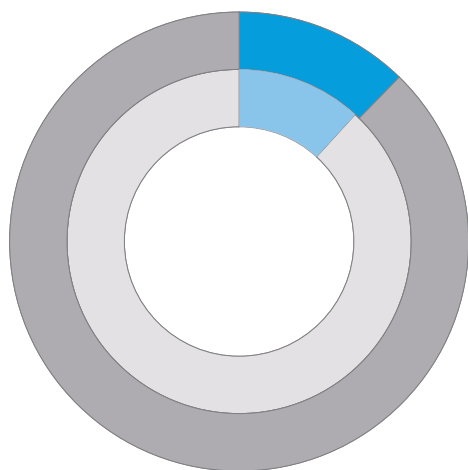
Central South Region

- The Hon. Mr. Justice A. Whitten, Hamilton
- The Hon. Madam Justice C. Lafrenière, Hamilton (Family Court)
- The Hon. Mr. Justice D. J. Gordon, Kitchener
- The Hon. Madam Justice L. Walters, St. Catharines
- The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Henderson, Welland
- The Hon. Mr. Justice H. Arrell, Brantford
- The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Turnbull, Simcoe
- The Hon. Mr. Justice T. D. Marshall, Cayuga

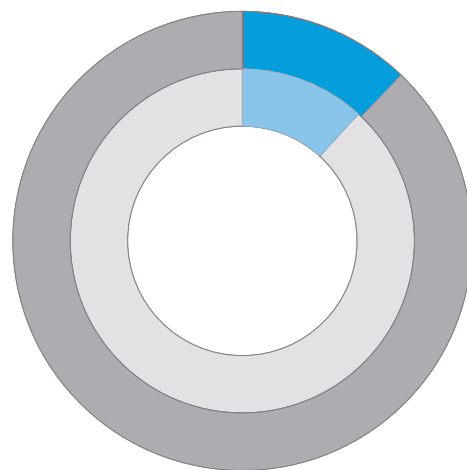


*The Hon. Mr. Justice Stephen Glithero,
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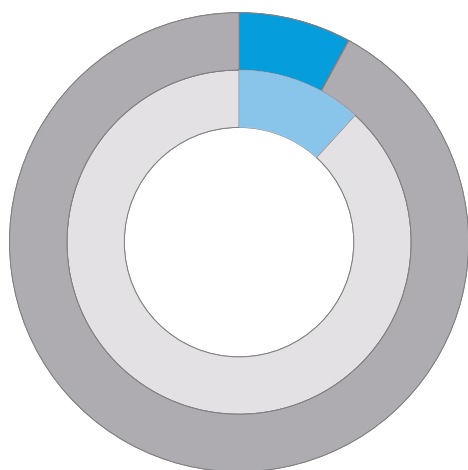
New Proceedings vs. Population for Central South Region and Ontario



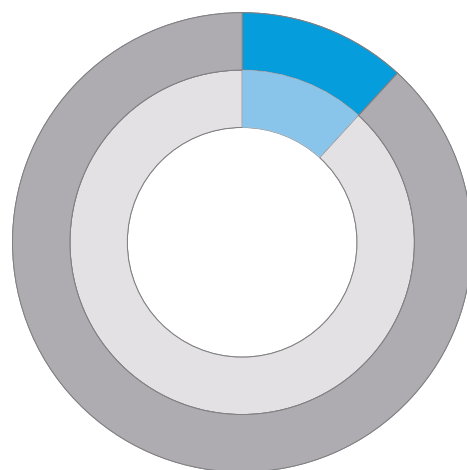
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ON: POPULATION



8,125
CS: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
58,892
ON: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
1,716,900
CS: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



357
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4,141
ON: NEW CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
1,716,900
CS: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



8,532
CS: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS
63,633
ON: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS
1,716,900
CS: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION

03 CENTRAL WEST

The Honourable Mr. Justice Bruce Durno is the Regional Senior Judge in Central West. There were 31 Superior Court judges in the region as of March 31, 2008.

The Central West Region includes the regional judicial centre of Brampton, as well as 5 other court locations in Guelph, Milton, Orangeville, Owen Sound and Walkerton. There are no Family Court sites in Central West.

The Regional Senior Judge has designated a Local Administrative Judge to assign and schedule cases in a number of these regional centres.

FORMER REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES in the Central West Region

1990–1994

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Webber

1994–1999

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Carnwath

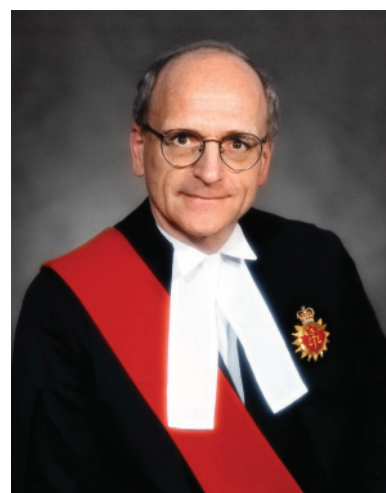
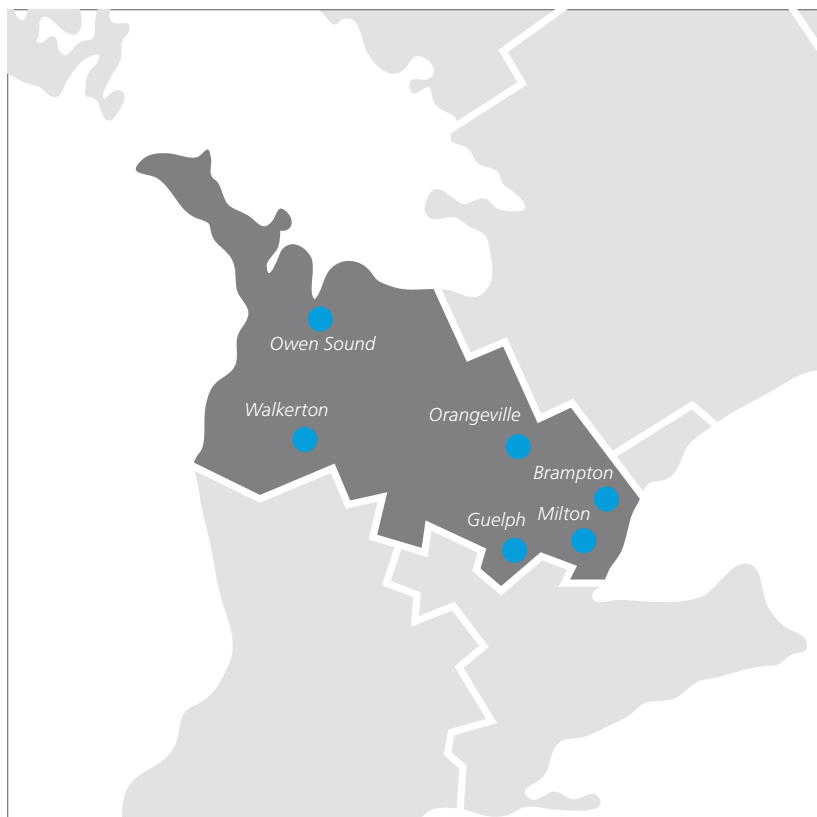
1999–2000

The Hon. Madam Justice J. Simmons

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES BY CENTRE

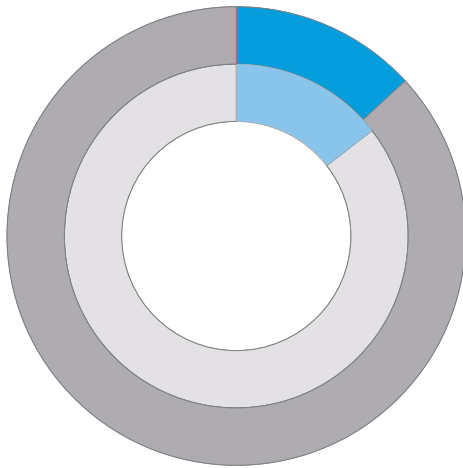
Central West Region

- Regional Senior Judge B. Durno, Brampton and Milton
- The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Thompson, Owen Sound and Walkerton
- The Hon. Mr. Justice C. Herold, Guelph
- The Hon. Mr. Justice E. Kruzick, Orangeville



*The Hon. Mr. Justice Bruce Durno,
Regional Senior Judge*

New Proceedings vs. Population for Central West Region and Ontario

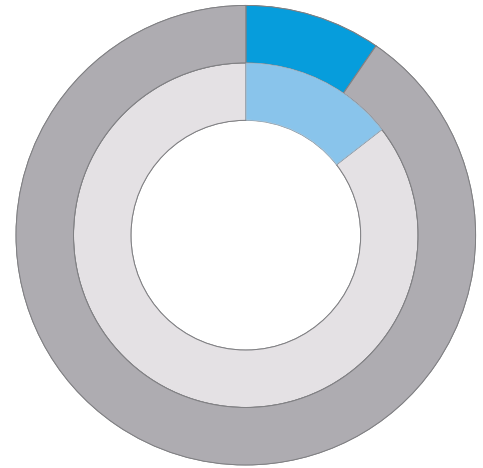


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ON: POPULATION

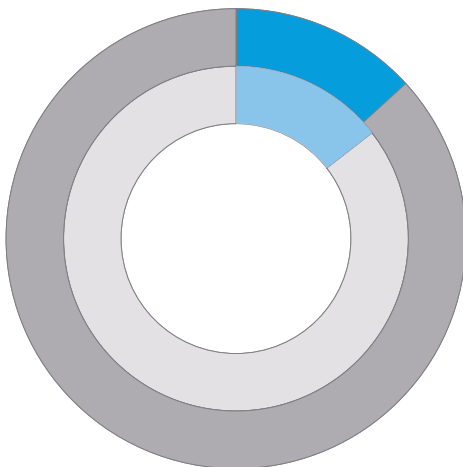


6,246
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CW: POPULATION

12,848,110
ON: POPULATION

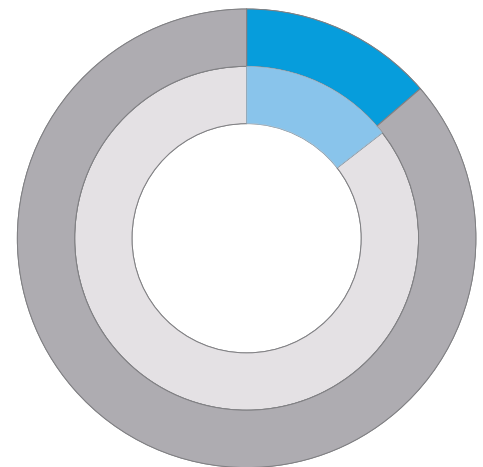


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CW: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS

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ON: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS

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CW: POPULATION

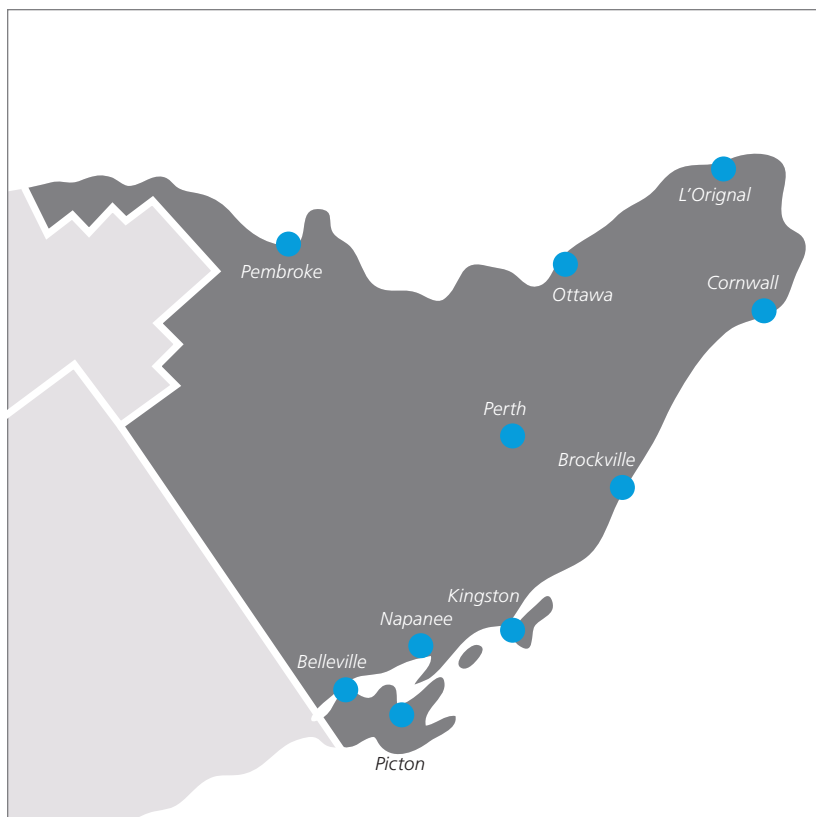
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ON: POPULATION

04 EAST

The Honourable Madam Justice Monique Métivier is the Regional Senior Judge in the East Region. There were 41 Superior Court judges and two case management masters in the region as of March 31, 2008.

The East Region includes the regional judicial centre of Ottawa, along with 9 other court locations in Belleville, Brockville, Cornwall, Kingston, L'Orignal, Napanee, Pembroke, Perth and Picton. Seven of ten court sites in the East Region have a Family Court. There are no Family Courts in the 3 locations of Belleville, Picton and Pembroke.

The Regional Senior Judge has designated a Local Administrative Judge to assign and schedule cases in a number of these regional centres.



FORMER REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES in the East Region

1990–1994

The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Desmarais

1995–2000

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Chadwick

2000–2002

The Hon. Mr. Justice D. Cunningham

2002–2003 (acting)

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Chadwick

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES BY CENTRE

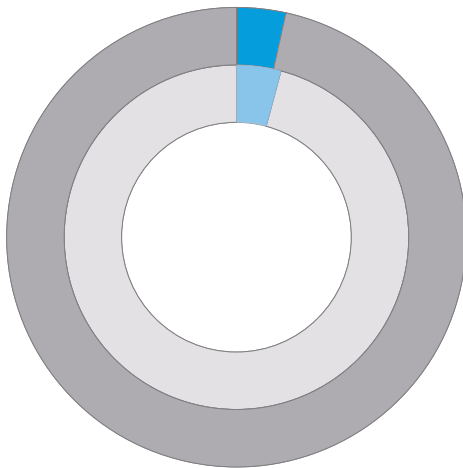
East Region

- Regional Senior Judge M. Métivier, Ottawa
- The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Scott, Belleville
- The Hon. Mr. Justice M. Quigley, Brockville and Perth
- The Hon. Madam Justice J. Lafrance-Cardinal, Cornwall
- The Hon. Mr. Justice D. Belch, Kingston and Napanee (Criminal and Civil)
- The Hon. Mr. Justice M. Charbonneau, L'Orignal
- The Hon. Madam Justice A. Trousdale, Kingston and Napanee (Family)
- The Hon. Mr. Justice L. Brennan, Pembroke
- The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Byers, Picton

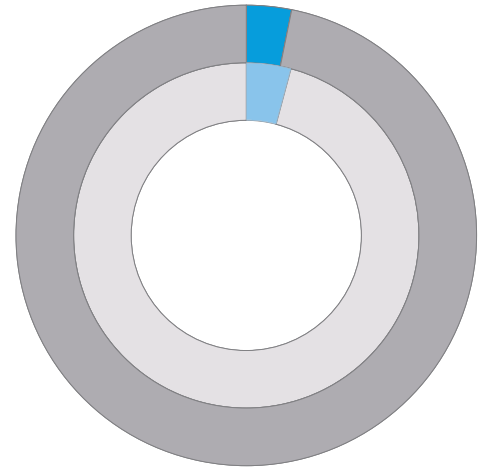


The Hon. Madam Justice Monique Métivier, Regional Senior Judge

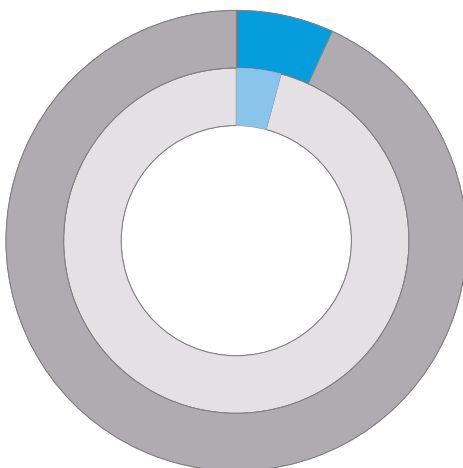
New Proceedings vs. Population for East Region and Ontario



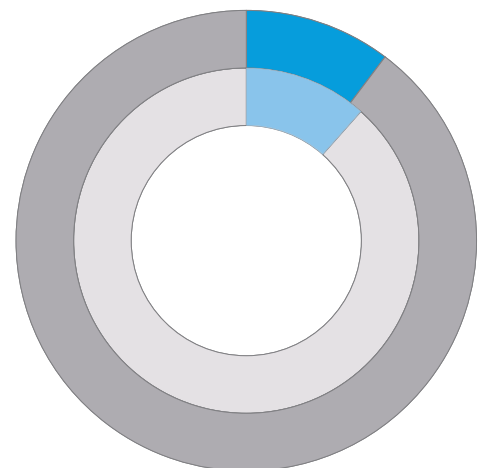
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1,679,010
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12,848,110
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58,892
ON: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
1,679,010
E: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



662
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4,141
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E: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



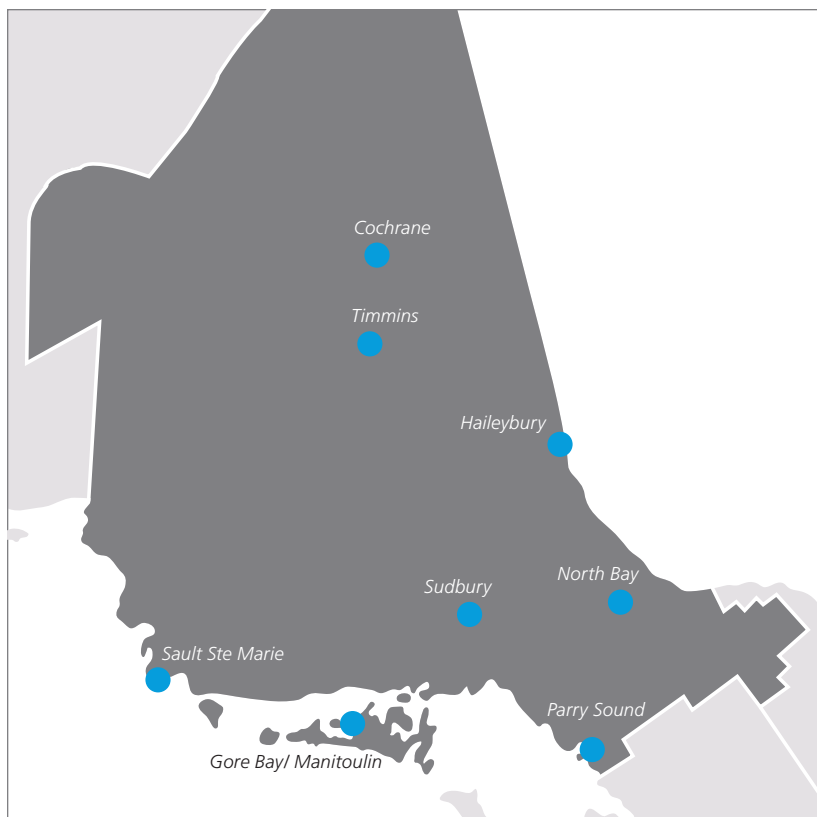
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1,679,010
E: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION

05 NORTHEAST

The Honourable Mr. Justice John Poupore is the Regional Senior Judge in the Northeast Region. There were 21 Superior Court judges in the region as of March 31, 2008.

The Northeast Region includes the regional judicial centre of Sudbury, as well as 7 other court locations in Cochrane, Gore Bay, Haileybury, North Bay, Parry Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, and Timmins. There are no Family Court sites in the Northeast.

The Regional Senior Judge has designated a Local Administrative Judge to assign and schedule cases in some of these regional centres.



FORMER REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES in the Northeast Region

1990–1995

The Hon. Mr. Justice S. Loukidelis

1995–1998

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Bernstein

1998–2003

The Hon. Mr. Justice I. Gordon

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES BY CENTRE

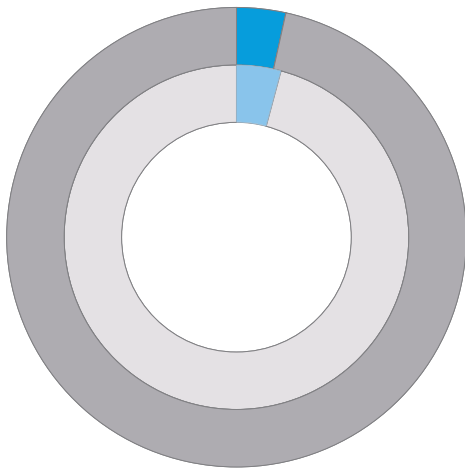
Northeast Region

- Regional Senior Judge J. Poupore, Sudbury
- The Hon. Mr. Justice D. Nadeau, Cochrane
- The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Riopelle, Timmins
- The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Gordon and The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Boissonneault, Haileybury
- The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Del Frate, Gore Bay
- The Hon. Mr. Justice N. Karam, North Bay
- The Hon. Mr. Justice S. O'Neill, Parry Sound
- The Hon. Mr. Justice L. Whalen, Sault Ste. Marie

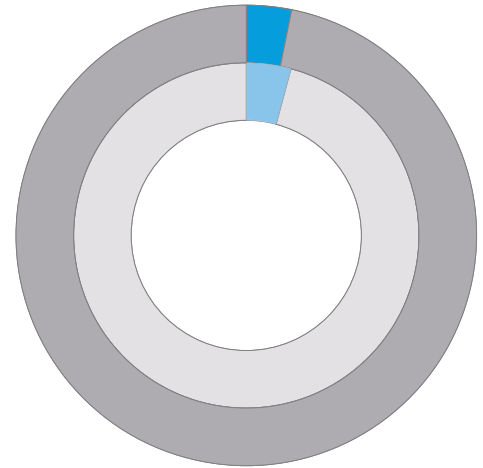


The Hon. Mr. Justice John Poupore, Regional Senior Judge

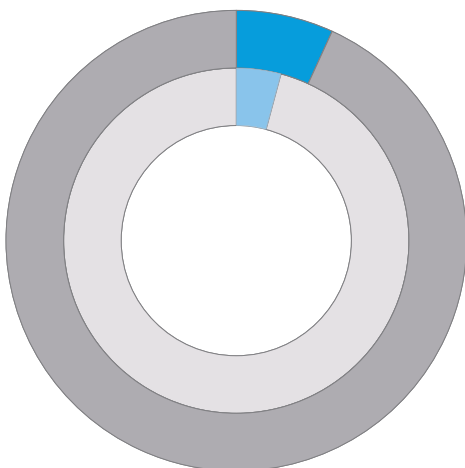
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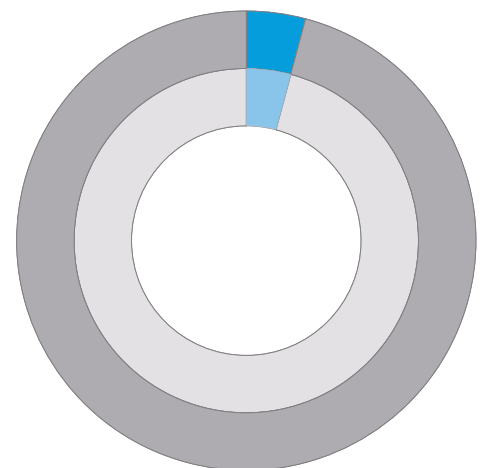
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NE: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



1,923
NE: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
58,892
ON: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
559,820
NE: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



304
NE: NEW CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
4,141
ON: NEW CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
559,820
NE: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



2,761
NE: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS
63,633
ON: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS
559,820
NE: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION

06 NORTHWEST

The Honourable Mr. Justice John McCartney is the Regional Senior Judge in the Northwest. There were 6 Superior Court judges in the region as of March 31, 2008.

The Northwest Region includes the regional judicial centre of Thunder Bay, along with 2 other court locations in Fort Frances and Kenora. There are no Family Court sites in the Northwest.

The Regional Senior Judge has designated a Local Administrative Judge to assign and schedule cases in some of these regional centres.

FORMER REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES in the Northwest Region

1990–1997

The Hon. Mr. Justice W. Maloney

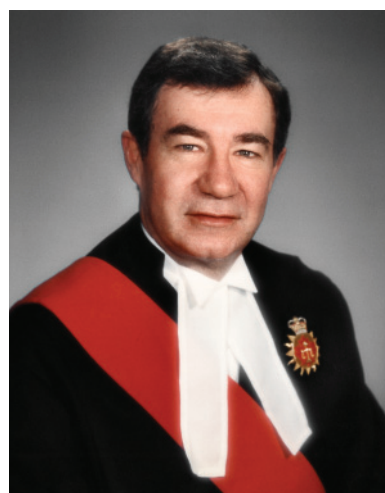
1997–2005

The Hon. Mr. Justice T. Platana

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES BY CENTRE

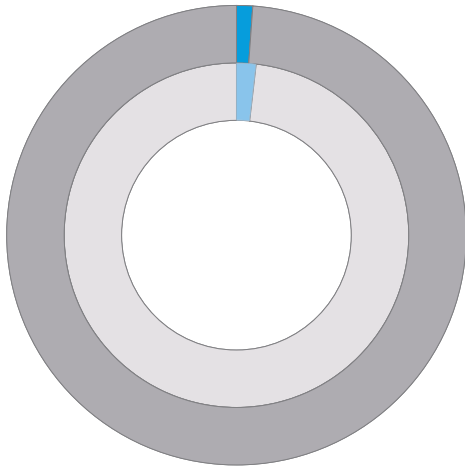
Northwest Region

- Regional Senior Judge J. McCartney, Thunder Bay
- The Hon. Mr. Justice E. Stach, Kenora
- The Hon. Madam Justice H. Pierce, Fort Frances

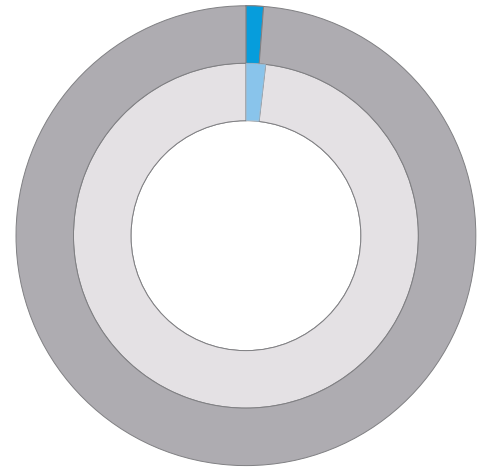


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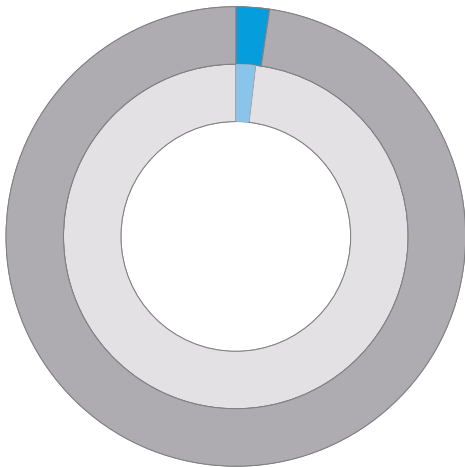
New Proceedings vs. Population for Northwest Region and Ontario



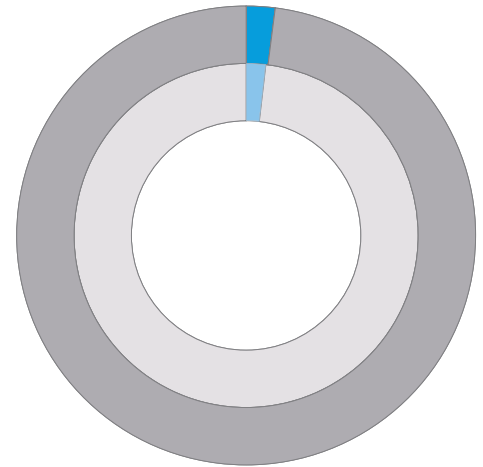
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84,054
ON: NEW CIVIL PROCEEDINGS
239,720
NW: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



732
NW: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
58,892
ON: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
239,720
NW: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



100
NW: NEW CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
4,141
ON: NEW CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
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NW: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



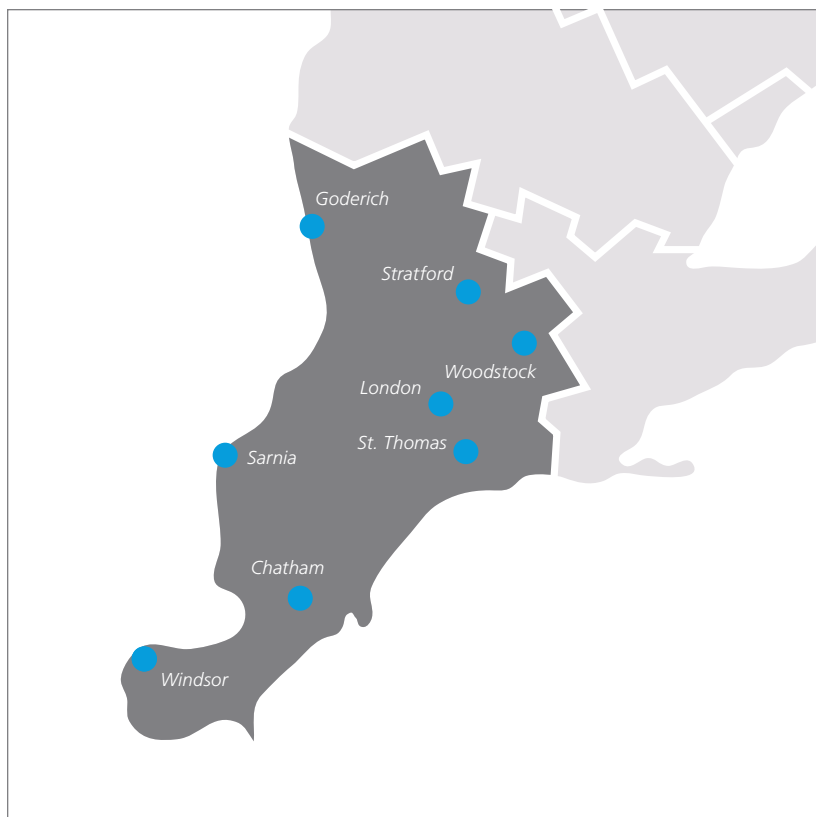
1,319
NW: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS
63,633
ON: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS
239,720
NW: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION

07 SOUTHWEST

The Honourable Madam Justice Lynne Leitch is the Regional Senior Judge in the Southwest. There were 33 Superior Court judges and one case management master as of March 31, 2008.

The Southwest Region includes the regional judicial centre of London, along with 7 other court locations in Chatham, Goderich, Sarnia, St. Thomas, Stratford, Windsor and Woodstock. London is the Southwest Region's only Family Court site.

The Regional Senior Judge has designated a Local Administrative Judge to assign and schedule cases in each of these regional centres.



FORMER REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES in the Southwest Region

1990–1992

The Hon. Mr. Justice T. Zuber

1992–1998

The Hon. Mr. Justice B. T. Granger

1998–2003

The Hon. Mr. Justice D. McDermid

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES BY CENTRE

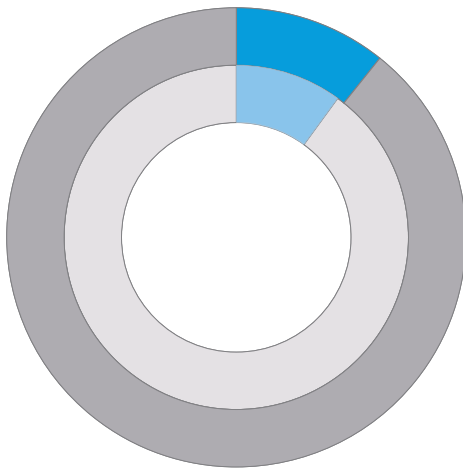
Southwest Region

- The Hon. Mr. Justice E. Ducharme, Chatham
- The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Kennedy, Goderich
- The Hon. Madam Justice H. Rady, London
- The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Harper, London (Family Court)
- The Hon. Mr. Justice T. Heeney, St. Thomas
- The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Desotti, Sarnia
- The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Haines, Stratford
- The Hon. Mr. Justice T. Patterson, Windsor
- The Hon. Mr. Justice T. Heeney, Woodstock

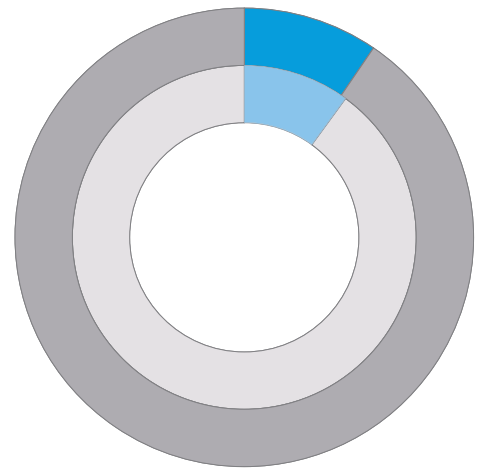


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Regional Senior Judge*

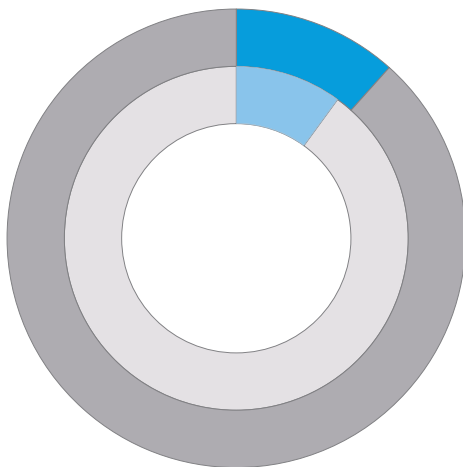
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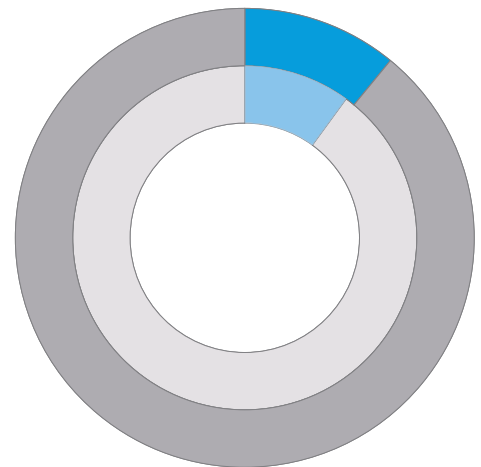
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84,054
ON: NEW CIVIL PROCEEDINGS
1,433,960
SW: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



6,207
SW: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
58,892
ON: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
1,433,960
SW: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



545
SW: NEW CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
4,141
ON: NEW CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
1,433,960
SW: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION

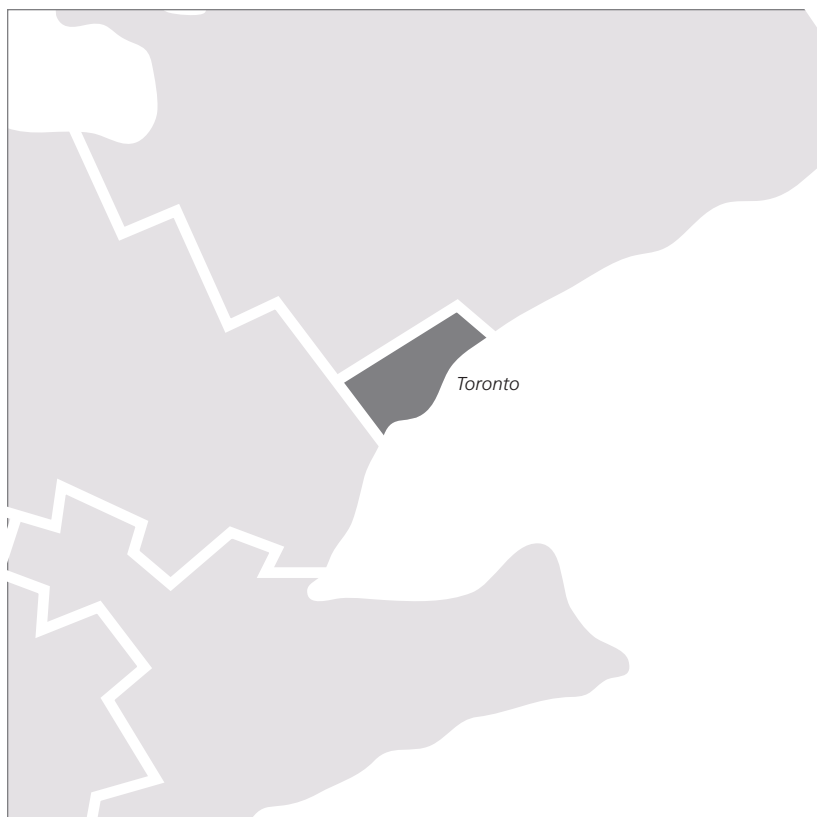


7,824
SW: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS
63,633
ON: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS
1,433,960
SW: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION

08 TORONTO

The Honourable Mr. Justice Warren Winkler was the Regional Senior Judge in Toronto, until his appointment as Chief Justice of Ontario in June 2007. The Honourable Mr. Justice Edward Then was appointed as the new Regional Senior Judge in Toronto in October 2007.

There were 85 Superior Court judges, 3 masters and 13 case management masters in the region as of March 31, 2008. Toronto is not a Family Court site. The Toronto Region operates on a campus of courts located at Osgoode Hall, 330 University Avenue, 361 University Avenue and 393 University Avenue.



FORMER REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES In the Toronto Region

1990–1993

The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Trainor

1993–1996

The Hon. Mr. Justice A. Campbell

1996–1999

The Hon. Madam Justice S. Lang

1999–2004

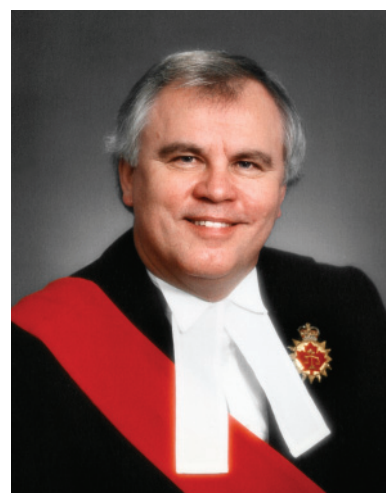
The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Blair

The Regional Senior Judge is assisted by Administrative Judges:

- The Hon. Mr. Justice T. Archibald
Administrative Judge for Civil
- The Hon. Mr. Justice I. Nordheimer
Administrative Judge for Criminal
- The Hon. Madam Justice K. Swinton
Administrative Judge for
Divisional Court

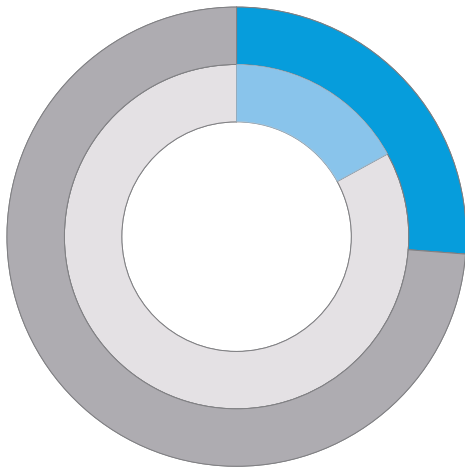
In order to better manage the administration of court hearings, a varying number of the Toronto Judges are divided into “Teams”:

- Civil Trials
- Civil Long Trials
- Civil Motions
- Class Actions
- Commercial
- Divisional Court
- Family
- Federal
- Criminal Trials
- Criminal Long Trials

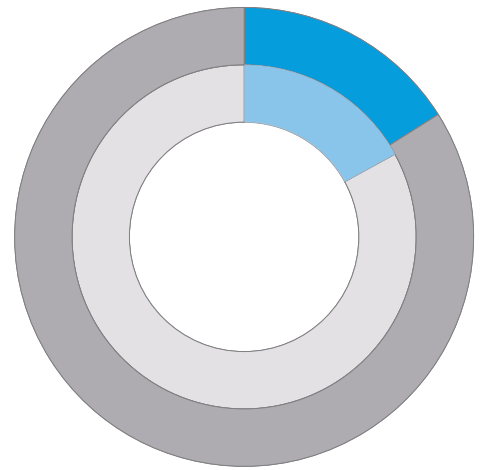


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Regional Senior Judge*

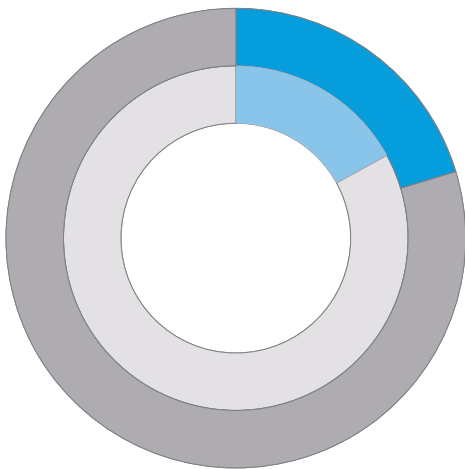
New Proceedings vs. Population for Toronto Region and Ontario



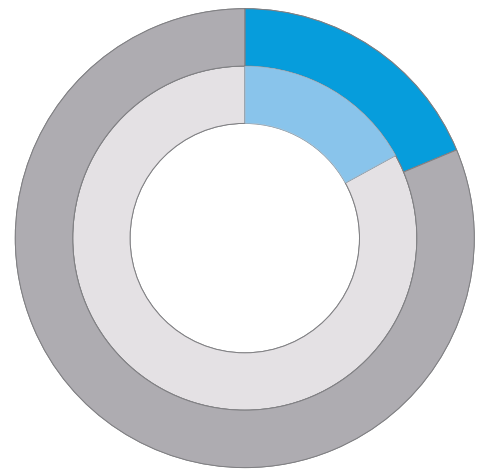
29,858
TO: NEW CIVIL PROCEEDINGS
84,054
ON: NEW CIVIL PROCEEDINGS
2,636,270
TO: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



11,258
TO: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
58,892
ON: NEW FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
2,636,270
TO: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



1,057
TO: NEW CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
4,141
ON: NEW CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
2,636,270
TO: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION



14,660
TO: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS
63,633
ON: NEW SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS
2,636,270
TO: POPULATION
12,848,110
ON: POPULATION

Key Developments in the Superior Court of Justice (2007–2008)

DIVISIONAL COURT CIVIL JURISDICTION INCREASED

The Divisional Court is the primary forum for the review of government action in Ontario and also has jurisdiction to hear some civil appeals. Under amendments to the *Courts of Justice Act* effective in October 2007, the monetary limit on civil appeals to the Divisional Court increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The *Courts of Justice Act* amendments proclaimed in October 2007 allow the Ontario Attorney General and the Chief Justice of the Superior Court to enter into a memorandum of understanding on appropriate roles in, and proper support for, courts administration. Such an MOU would recognize and formalize existing arrangements between the two parties and create a framework for future agreements to improve the administration of justice. Negotiations between the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Superior Court took place throughout 2007 and 2008 with an aim to finalize the terms of the MOU in the spring of 2008. (NB: The MOU was signed by the Chief Justice of the Superior Court and the Attorney General in May 2008.)

FAMILY CASE MANAGER IN OTTAWA

A new rule was added to the Family Law Rules in March 2007, to create the position of Family Case Manager as a pilot project in Ottawa until 2010. The role and function of Family Case Manager is performed by a case management master who is empowered under the *Family Law Rules* to hear certain pre-trial proceedings and conferences. The Chief Justice assigned a second case management master to Ottawa to work with the existing case management master to establish the pilot project.

FAMILY LAW PRACTICE DIRECTIONS

In October 2007, new practice directions were issued in Brampton and Milton to address challenges with family law conferences in these court locations. A new practice direction initiated a pilot project in Milton, whereby experienced lawyers preside at Dispute Resolution Conferences (DRC) attended by both parties. The purpose of a DRC is to resolve outstanding issues and ensure the parties are better prepared to conduct a meaningful case conference with a judge if issues remain unresolved. In both Brampton and Milton, a new practice direction introduced Early Case Conferences to be scheduled for a set time each week. In these early conferences, a judge deals with short procedural issues that require determination before a regular case conference can be held.

In March 2008, new practice directions were also issued in the Central South, East, Northeast, Northwest and Southwest Regions to assist litigants and their lawyers in making the best use of available conference time by encouraging greater use of Form 14B Motions. Form 14B Motions allow parties to address certain threshold issues, such as procedural, uncomplicated or unopposed matters, prior to the case conference. By promoting their use through this practice direction, such motions will facilitate fewer, but more meaningful, case conferences. These and other practice directions are available on the Court's website at: <http://www.ontariocourts.on.ca/scj/en/>.

NATIONAL CLASS ACTIONS PRACTICE DIRECTION

As of June 1, 2007, a practice direction requires the parties in class proceedings in Ontario to provide information to the National Class Actions Database established and maintained by the Canadian Bar Association. The Ontario practice direction follows a recommendation of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada, endorsed by the Canadian Judicial Council, to create a forum to facilitate the exchange of information about multi-jurisdictional class proceedings. More information can be found on the Superior Court website (<http://www.ontariocourts.on.ca/scj/en/>) or by contacting the Canadian Bar Association.

FOREIGN DELEGATIONS

As one of the largest trial courts in the world, the Superior Court of Justice has built an international reputation for excellence and professionalism. The Court frequently welcomes judicial delegations from other countries who are studying Ontario's legal system.

In September 2007, Judges Jon Bonnevie Hoyer and Ruth Hoyer, a judicial couple from Oslo, Norway, visited Toronto as part of their work to survey the operation of Small Claims Courts around the world. They were greeted by the Chief Justice, who arranged their introduction to Ministry staff and judges of the Small Claims Court.

In November 2007, a group of six judges visited Toronto from the Ukraine. The purpose of this trip was to gain a detailed understanding of best practices in courts management in Canada as part of the Canada-Ukraine Judicial Cooperation Project. In collaboration with the Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs, staff of the Office of the Chief Justice hosted the visiting judges. The Toronto Regional Senior Judge made a presentation to the group.

WEBSITE IMPROVEMENT

The Manager of Judicial Library Services works with the Library Committee to maintain the court's website on behalf of the judiciary. After consultation, the Internet site at <http://www.ontariocourts.on.ca/scj/en/> was refreshed and redesigned. The changes create a contemporary online visual identity for the Superior Court of Justice as well as providing a more user-friendly environment. Improvements and additions to the site will continue on an ongoing basis. This first Annual Report 2007-2008 of the Superior Court of Justice is now available on the Court's website:

<http://www.ontariocourts.on.ca/scj/en/reports/annualreport/07-08.pdf>

NEW COURT FACILITIES

The New Durham Consolidated Courthouse

Construction of the new Durham Consolidated Courthouse began in June 2007 and its completion is anticipated for the Fall of 2009. It is located at 150 Bond Street, Oshawa, and houses 33 new courtrooms for proceedings heard by the Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Justice. The judiciary has provided valuable input into the design and development of this new courthouse through the collaborative consultation process between the Court's Facilities Committee and the Government of Ontario.

The New Renfrew County Courthouse

As well, in June 2007, renovation of the Renfrew County Courthouse in Pembroke was completed. The new six-courtroom, 75,000 square foot facility incorporates modern court technology and security functions in an expanded and historically significant building. Except for the recent construction period, the Renfrew County Courthouse has been in continuous operation since the original structure was completed in 1866.

Future Initiatives

In 2006, the Ontario government announced plans for four new consolidated courthouse projects to be built in St. Thomas, Quinte, Waterloo and Thunder Bay.



The New Durham Consolidated Courthouse



The New Renfrew County Courthouse

The Judges of the Superior Court of Justice

These final sections provide a complete account of all Superior Court Judges from 1990 to the present, including:

- Newly Appointed Superior Court Judges from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008;
- Retired & Past Members of the Superior Court from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008;
- All Judges on the Superior Court from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008; and
- A comprehensive historical account of all of the Judges of the Superior Court who completed their service with the Court since its original inception as the Ontario Court (General Division) in 1990.²²

New Appointments (April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008)

CENTRAL EAST

The Hon. Mr. Justice Cary Boswell
The Hon. Madam Justice Cory A. Gilmore

CENTRAL SOUTH

The Hon. Madam Justice Kim A. Carpenter-Gunn

CENTRAL WEST

The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter Daley
The Hon. Mr. Justice Gordon Lemon
The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Christopher Corkery

EAST

The Hon. Mr. Justice Timothy Ray

NORTHEAST

The Hon. Mr. Justice Paul Kane
The Hon. Mr. Justice Gary Tranmer

SOUTHWEST

The Hon. Mr. Justice Bruce G. Thomas

TORONTO

The Hon. Mr. Justice George Strathy
The Hon. Mr. Justice Alfred O'Marra
The Hon. Madam Justice Darla Wilson
The Hon. Mr. Justice Gary T. Trotter
The Hon. Madam Justice Andra Pollak

Retired Judges

(April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008)

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert E. Zelinski
Northwest – Thunder Bay
1986–2007

The Hon. Mr. Justice Ronald C. Sills
Central South – Kitchener
1992–2007

The Hon. Mr. Justice John D. Ground
Toronto
1991–2007

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gordon P. Killeen
Southwest – London
1973–2007

The Hon. Mr. Justice Harry J. Keenan
Toronto
1980–2007

The Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph C.L. Scime
Central South – Hamilton
1973–2007

The Hon. Mr. Justice Thomas J. Lally
East – Belleville
1982–2007

The Hon. Mr. Justice Dennis Lane
Toronto
1989–2007

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gerald F. Day
Toronto
1992–2008

The Hon. Mr. Justice Keith A. Hoilett
Toronto
1981–2008

The Hon. Mr. Justice Hugh O'Connell
Central West – Owen Sound
1971–2008

The Hon. Mr. Justice William Somers
Toronto
1991–2008

In Memoriam

(April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008)



DATE OF APPOINTMENT
January 24, 1986

NAME
The Hon. Mr. Justice Archie Gray Campbell,
April 13, 1942–April 20, 2007

REGION/ CENTRE
Toronto



DATE OF APPOINTMENT
August 2, 1973

NAME
The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael R. Meehan,
February 12, 1936–October 26, 2007

REGION/ CENTRE
Northeast – Sudbury

Superior Court of Justice Judicial Complement (April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008)

REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGES COUNCIL

The Hon. Mr. Justice David R. Aston, SFJ
(Family Court) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael F. Brown, RSJ
Central East Region, Newmarket

The Hon. J. Douglas Cunningham, ACJ
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice S. Bruce Durno, RSJ
Central West Region, Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice C. Stephen Glithero, RSJ
Central South Region, Hamilton

The Hon. Madam Justice Lynne C. Leitch, RSJ
Southwest Region, London

The Hon. Mr. Justice John F. McCartney, RSJ
Northwest Region, Thunder Bay

The Hon. Madam Justice Monique Métivier, RSJ
East Region, Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice John S. Poupore, RSJ
Northeast Region, Sudbury

The Hon. Madam Justice Heather J. Smith, CJ
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Edward F. Then, RSJ
Toronto

CENTRAL EAST REGION

The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael F. Brown, RSJ
Newmarket

The Hon. Mr. Justice Guy P. DiTomaso
Barrie

The Hon. Madam Justice Margaret P. Eberhard
Barrie

The Hon. Mr. Justice Fred Graham
Barrie

The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter H. Howden
(Supernumerary) Barrie

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Robert MacKinnon
Barrie

The Hon. Mr. Justice Clair B. Marchand
(Supernumerary) Barrie

The Hon. Mr. Justice John R. McIsaac
Barrie

The Hon. Madam Justice Lydia M. Olah
(Family Court) Barrie

The Hon. Mr. Justice Alfred J. Stong
Barrie

The Hon. Mr. Justice Thomas M. Wood
(Family Court) Barrie

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert N. Weekes
Bracebridge

The Hon. Mr. Justice Drew S. Gunsolus
Lindsay

The Hon. Mr. Justice R. Cary Boswell
Newmarket

The Hon. Madam Justice Rose T. Boyko
Newmarket

The Hon. Mr. Justice Alan W. Bryant
Newmarket

The Hon. Madam Justice Jane E. Ferguson
Newmarket

The Hon. Madam Justice Michelle K. Fuerst
Newmarket

The Hon. Madam Justice Cory A. Gilmore
Newmarket

The Hon. Mr. Justice Jack J. Jenkins
(Supernumerary) Newmarket

The Hon. Madam Justice Theresa Maddalena
Newmarket

The Hon. Mr. Justice Edwin (Ted) B. Minden
Newmarket

The Hon. Mr. Justice Clifford S. Nelson
(Family Court) Newmarket

The Hon. Mr. Justice Craig Perkins
(Family Court) Newmarket

The Hon. Madam Justice Sherrill M. Rogers
(Family Court) Newmarket

The Hon. Madam Justice Ramona A. Wildman
(Family Court) Newmarket

The Hon. Madam Justice Mary Jane Hatton
(Family Court) Oshawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Allan R. Rowsell
(Family Court) Oshawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice D. Roger Timms
(Family Court) Oshawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Alan P. Ingram
(Family Court) Peterborough

The Hon. Mr. Justice Barry G.A. MacDougall
Peterborough

The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter Z. Magda
(Family Court) Peterborough

The Hon. Mr. Justice Donald S. Ferguson
Whitby

The Hon. Mr. Justice Bruce A. Glass
Whitby

The Hon. Madam Justice Myrna L. Lack
Whitby

The Hon. Mr. Justice David W.E. Salmers
Whitby

The Hon. Madam Justice Margaret A.C. Scott
(Family Court) Whitby

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Bryan Shaughnessy
Whitby

The Hon. Mr. Justice Alexander Sosna
Whitby

CENTRAL SOUTH REGION

The Hon. Mr. Justice C. Stephen Glithero, RSJ
Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Harrison S. Arrell
Brantford

The Hon. Mr. Justice James C. Kent
(Supernumerary) Brantford

The Hon. Mr. Justice T. David Marshall
(Supernumerary) Cayuga

The Hon. Mr. Justice Nick Borkovich
(Supernumerary) Hamilton

The Hon. Madam Justice Kim Carpenter-Gunn
Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice John J. Cavarzan
(Supernumerary) Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice David S. Crane
(Supernumerary) Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Eugene B. Fedak
(Supernumerary) Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice William J. Festeryga
(Supernumerary) Hamilton

The Hon. Madam Justice Danielle M.M.L. Genesee
(Family Court) Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice C. Raymond Harris
Hamilton

The Hon. Madam Justice Cheryl Lafrenière
Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Thomas R. Lofchik
Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Randolph J.D. Mazza
Hamilton

CENTRAL SOUTH REGION CONT'D

The Hon. Madam Justice Mary Jo McLaren
(Family Court) Hamilton

The Hon. Madam Justice Jane A. Milanetti
Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Alex Pazaratz
(Family Court) Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Walter T. Stayshyn
(Supernumerary) Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice David M. Steinberg
(Supernumerary, Family Court) Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Alan C.R. Whitten
Hamilton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Patrick J. Flynn
Kitchener

The Hon. Mr. Justice Donald J. Gordon
Kitchener

The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter B. Hambly
Kitchener

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert D. Reilly
Kitchener

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gerald E. Taylor
Kitchener

The Hon. Mr. Justice James R.H. Turnbull
Simcoe

The Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph W. Quinn
St. Catharines

The Hon. Madam Justice J. Wilma Scott
(Family Court) St. Catharines

The Hon. Mr. Justice John E. Sheppard
(Supernumerary) St. Catharines

The Hon. Mr. Justice Donald J. Taliano
(Supernumerary) St. Catharines

The Hon. Madam Justice Linda M. Walters
St. Catharines

The Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph R. Henderson
Welland

The Hon. Mr. Justice Barry H. Matheson
Welland

The Hon. Madam Justice C. Anne Tucker
Welland

The Hon. Mr. Justice James A. Ramsay
Kitchener

CENTRAL WEST REGION

The Hon. Mr. Justice S. Bruce Durno, RSJ
Brampton

The Hon. Madam Justice Deena F. Baltman
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice David L. Corbett
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter A. Daley
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Fletcher Dawson
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Thomas M. Dunn
(Supernumerary) Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph Michael Fragomeni
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice S. Casey Hill
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Kenneth A. Langdon
(Supernumerary) Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gordon D. Lemon
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice A. Donald MacKenzie
(Supernumerary) Brampton

The Hon. Madam Justice Nancy M. Mossip
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Terrance P. O'Connor
Brampton

The Hon. Madam Justice Silja S. Seppi
Brampton

The Hon. Madam Justice Lorna-Lee Snowie
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice John R. Sproat
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Ronald G. Thomas
(Supernumerary) Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael H. Tulloch
Brampton

The Hon. Madam Justice Francine E. Van Melle
Brampton

The Hon. Madam Justice Katherine van Rensburg
Brampton

The Hon. Madam Justice Bonnie J. Wein
Brampton

The Hon. Mr. Justice John R. Belleghem
(Supernumerary) Guelph

The Hon. Mr. Justice James H. Clarke
(Supernumerary) Guelph

The Hon. Mr. Justice Casimir N. Herold
(Supernumerary) Guelph

The Hon. Madam Justice Kendra D. Coats
Milton

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Christopher Corkery
Milton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Douglas K. Gray
Milton

The Hon. Madam Justice Gisele M. Miller
Milton

The Hon. Mr. Justice John C. Murray
Milton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael G. Quigley
Milton

The Hon. Mr. Justice Emile R. Kruzick
Orangeville

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert M. Thompson
Owen Sound

EAST REGION

The Hon. Madam Justice Monique Métivier, RSJ
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Richard G. Byers
(Supernumerary) Belleville

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert F.B. Scott
Belleville

The Hon. Mr. Justice Paul J. Cosgrove
(Supernumerary) Brockville

The Hon. Mr. Justice Kenneth E. Pedlar
(Family Court) Brockville

The Hon. Madam Justice Johanne
Lafrance-Cardinal
(Family Court) Cornwall

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert Pelletier
Cornwall

The Hon. Mr. Justice Douglas M. Belch
Kingston

The Hon. Madam Justice Helen K.
MacLeod-Beliveau
Kingston

The Hon. Madam Justice Cheryl Robertson
(Family Court) Kingston

The Hon. Madam Justice Anne C. Trousdale
(Family Court) Kingston

EAST REGION CONT'D

The Hon. Mr. Justice Michel Z. Charbonneau
L'Orignal

The Hon. Madam Justice Catherine D. Aitken
Ottawa

The Hon. Madam Justice Jennifer A. Blishen
(Family Court) Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert C. Desmarais
(Supernumerary) Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Jean A. Forget
(Supernumerary) Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Charles T. Hackland
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Roydon J. Kealey
(Supernumerary) Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Stanley J. Kershman
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Paul F. Lalonde
Ottawa

The Hon. Madam Justice Maria T.
Linhares De Sousa
(Family Court) Ottawa

The Hon. Madam Justice V. Jennifer Mackinnon
(Family Court) Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Bernard J. Manton
(Supernumerary) Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert L. Maranger
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Colin D.A. McKinnon
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Hugh R. McLean
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice David L. McWilliam
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gerry R. Morin
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice A. deLotbiniere Panet
Ottawa

The Hon. Madam Justice Julianne A. Parfett
Ottawa

The Hon. Madam Justice Heidi S.
Levenson Polowin
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Denis J. Power
Ottawa

The Hon. Madam Justice Lynn D. Ratushny
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Timothy D. Ray
Ottawa

The Hon. Madam Justice Giovanna Roccamo
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Albert J. Roy
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Douglas J.A. Rutherford
(Supernumerary) Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gordon G. Sedgwick
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Alan D. Sheffield
(Family Court) Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert J. Smith
Ottawa

The Hon. Mr. Justice W.J. Lloyd Brennan
Pembroke

The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael J. Quigley
Perth

NORTHEAST REGION

The Hon. Mr. Justice John S. Poupore, RSJ
Sudbury

The Hon. Mr. Justice David J. Nadeau
Cochrane

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert P. Boissonneault
(Supernumerary) Haileybury

The Hon. Mr. Justice Ian M. Gordon
(Supernumerary) Haileybury

The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael G. Bolan
(Supernumerary) North Bay

The Hon. Mr. Justice Norman M.J. Karam
(Supernumerary) North Bay

The Hon. Mr. Justice Ernest Loukidelis
(Supernumerary) North Bay

The Hon. Mr. Justice Paul U. Rivard
North Bay

The Hon. Mr. Justice George T.S. Valin
North Bay

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Stephen O'Neill
Parry Sound

The Hon. Mr. Justice Frank R. Caputo
(Supernumerary) Sault Ste. Marie

The Hon. Mr. Justice Ian S. McMillan
Sault Ste. Marie

The Hon. Madam Justice Gladys I. Pardu
Sault Ste. Marie

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gary W. Tranmer
Sault Ste. Marie

The Hon. Mr. Justice W. Lawrence Whalen
Sault Ste. Marie

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert G.S. Del Frate
Sudbury

The Hon. Madam Justice Louise L. Gauthier
Sudbury

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robbie D. Gordon
Sudbury

The Hon. Madam Justice Patricia C. Hennessy
Sudbury

The Hon. Mr. Justice Paul B. Kane
Sudbury

The Hon. Mr. Justice Bourke G.H. Smith
(Supernumerary) Sudbury

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert A. Riopelle
Timmins

NORTHWEST REGION

The Hon. Mr. Justice John F. McCartney, RSJ
Thunder Bay

The Hon. Mr. Justice Erwin W. Stach
(Supernumerary) Kenora

The Hon. Madam Justice Helen M. Pierce
Thunder Bay

The Hon. Mr. Justice Terrence A. Platana
Thunder Bay

The Hon. Mr. Justice Douglas C. Shaw
Thunder Bay

The Hon. Mr. Justice G. Patrick Smith
Thunder Bay

The Hon. Mr. Justice John deP. Wright
(Supernumerary) Thunder Bay

SOUTHWEST REGION

The Hon. Madam Justice Lynne C. Leitch, RSJ
London

The Hon. Mr. Justice Edward W. Ducharme
Chatham

The Hon. Mr. Justice John C. Kennedy
(Supernumerary) Goderich

The Hon. Mr. Justice Edward R. Browne
(Supernumerary) London

SOUTHWEST REGION CONT'D

The Hon. Mr. Justice Grant A. Campbell
(Family Court) London

The Hon. Mr. Justice B. Thomas Granger
(Supernumerary) London

The Hon. Mr. Justice R. John Harper
(Family Court) London

The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter B. Hockin
London

The Hon. Mr. Justice William A. Jenkins
(Supernumerary) London

The Hon. Mr. Justice T. David Little
London

The Hon. Madam Justice Mary E. Marshman
(Family Court) London

The Hon. Mr. Justice Dougald R. McDermid
(Supernumerary) London

The Hon. Mr. Justice John F. McGarry
(Supernumerary) London

The Hon. Madam Justice Johanne N. Morissette
London

The Hon. Madam Justice Helen A. Rady
London

The Hon. Mr. Justice Kenneth F. Ross
(Supernumerary) London

The Hon. Mr. Justice Wolfram U. Tausendfreund
London

The Hon. Madam Justice Lynda C. Templeton
London

The Hon. Mr. Justice Henry A. Vogelsang
(Family Court) London

The Hon. Mr. Justice John A. Desotti
Sarnia

The Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph M.W. Donohue
Sarnia

The Hon. Mr. Justice Roland J. Haines
Stratford

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert R. Abbey
(Supernumerary) Windsor

The Hon. Mr. Justice John H. Brockenshire
(Supernumerary) Windsor

The Hon. Mr. Justice Anthony E. Cusinato
(Supernumerary) Windsor

The Hon. Mr. Justice Richard C. Gates
Windsor

The Hon. Madam Justice Mary Jo Nolan
Windsor

The Hon. Mr. Justice Terrence L.J. Patterson
Windsor

The Hon. Madam Justice Renee M. Pomerance
Windsor

The Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph G. Quinn
Windsor

The Hon. Mr. Justice Steven Rogin
Windsor

The Hon. Mr. Justice Bruce G. Thomas
Windsor

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gordon I. Thomson
(Supernumerary) Windsor

The Hon. Mr. Justice Thomas A. Henney
Woodstock

TORONTO REGION

The Hon. Mr. Justice Edward F. Then, RSJ
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Beth Anna Allen
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Todd L. Archibald
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Nancy L. Backhouse
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Lucien A. Beaulieu
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Denise E. Bellamy
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Edward P. Belobaba
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Mary Lou Benotto
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice David M. Brown
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Donald R. Cameron
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Colin L. Campbell
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice James D. Carnwath
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Sandra Chapnik
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert A. Clark
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Barbara A. Conway
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Bonnie L. Croll
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Maurice C. Cullity
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter A. Cumming
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice George Czutrin
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael R. Dambrot
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Todd Ducharme
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Tamarin M. Dunnet
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Randall S. Echlin
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Eugene G. Ewaschuk
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Lee K. Ferrier
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Maureen D. Forestell
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice E. Eva Frank
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Arthur Murray Gans
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Nola E. Garton
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Susanne R. Goodman
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Susan E. Greer
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter A. Grossi
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice John F. Hamilton
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Alison L. Harvison Young
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Thea P. Herman
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Susan G. Himel
Toronto

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The Hon. Madam Justice Carolyn Horkins
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Alexandra H. Hoy
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter G. Jarvis
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice John R.R. Jennings
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Andromache Karakatsanis
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Frances P. Kiteley
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Gloria R. Klowak
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Joan L. Lax
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Thomas R. Lederer
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Sidney N. Lederman
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Wailan Low
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice John A.B. Macdonald
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Ellen M. Macdonald
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Frank N. Marrocco
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice P. Theodore Matlow
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. David McCombs
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice John B. McMahon
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Faye E. McWatt
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Ruth E. Mesbur
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Anne M. Molloy
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Patrick Moore
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Geoffrey B. Morawetz
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Frank J.C. Newbould
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Ian V.B. Nordheimer
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Alfred J.C. O'Marra
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Victor Paisley
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Laurence A. Pattillo
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Sarah E. Pepall
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Paul M. Perell
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Romain W.M. Pitt
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Andra M. Pollak
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Harriet E. Sachs
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Mary Anne Sanderson
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Herman Siegel
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Gertrude F. Spiegel
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice James M. Spence
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Christopher M. Speyer
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Harvey Spiegel
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Nancy J. Spies
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Elizabeth M. Stewart
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice David G. Stinson
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice George R. Strathy
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Katherine E. Swinton
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Julie A. Thorburn
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice W. Brian Trafford
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gary T. Trotter
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice John C. Wilkins
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Darla A. Wilson
Toronto

The Hon. Madam Justice Janet M. Wilson
Toronto

The Hon. Mr. Justice Blenus P. Wright
(Supernumerary) Toronto

The Roll of Honour – Judges Who Completed Their Service on the Court from the 1990 Merger to March 31, 2008

Prior to 1990, the High Court of Justice for Ontario was the superior trial court in this province. With the *Courts of Justice Amendment Act* of 1989, the High Court of Justice merged with the Surrogate Courts and the District and County Courts, creating one large new superior trial court—the Ontario Court (General Division), which was renamed the Superior Court of Justice in 1999.

Listed below, are all the judges who completed their service to the Court from merger in 1990 to March 31, 2008.

Alvin Anthony Vannini
1990–1990 Ontario Court (General Division)

Thomas George Street
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

Elmer Edward Smith
1981–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

Paul Ignace Blaze Staniszewski
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

Barton Basil Trembley
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

William Edger Charles Colter
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

Robert Ernest Maranger
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

J.P. Robert Perras
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

Gilbert Logan Murdoch
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

Francis Costello
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

David Howard Woodhouse Henry
1973–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

Donald Gordon Edward Thompson
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

Julius Alexander Isaac
1989–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)
1991–1999 Chief Justice Federal Court of Canada

Russell Clayton Honey
1990–1991 Ontario Court (General Division)

Karen Merle Weiler
1989–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)
1992–Court of Appeal

Wesley Gibson Gray
1979–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

J.R. Maurice Gautreau
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

Alan Royal Campbell
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

Donald Ross Shearer
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

McLeod Archibald Craig
1976–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

Donald Malcolm Lawson
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Holland
1976–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

Patrick Stanley FitzGerald
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

Archibald McGilvery Carter
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Ross Matheson
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

Sidney Stanton Dymond
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

Eric Richard Lovekin
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Arthur Hoolihan
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

Thomas Peter Callon
1971–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

William Phillip McKeown
1986–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)
1993–2002 Federal Court of Canada

William Joseph Anderson
1977–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Gilbert
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

Welland Thomas Hollinger
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

Edward James Houston
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

Gordon Eric McTurk
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

Janet Vivien Scott
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

Allan Henry Hollingworth
1977–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

Francis Egan Dunlap
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

Richard Neville Clarke
1990–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

Francis Gerard Carter
1990–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)

Frank Woods Callaghan
1979–1985 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1985–1989 Associate Chief Justice, High Court of Justice for Ontario
1989–1990 Chief Justice, High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1994 Chief Justice of Ontario Court (General Division)

Joseph Armon Winter
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

Keith Allan Flanigan
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

William Frederick Bigwood Rogers
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

Walter John Rapson
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

Wilfred Wesley Leach
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

Martin Thomas Joseph Morrissey
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

Robert Stanley Montgomery
1977–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Edward Eberle
1977–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

Fernand Laurent Gratton
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Drew Hammersly Hudson
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

Frederick Clair Hayes
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

Garth Howard Franklin Moore
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

Charles James Newton
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)

Gordon Joseph Sullivan
1990–1995 Ontario Court (General Division)

Colin Simpson Lazier
1990–1995 Ontario Court (General Division)

Mabel Margaret Van Camp
1971–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1995 Ontario Court (General Division)

Arthur Peter Nasmith
1995–1995 Ontario Court (General Division)

Hewson Ward Allen
1990–1995 Ontario Court (General Division)

Robert Bartlett Warren
1990–1995 Ontario Court (General Division)

Roger Gordon Conant
1990–1995 Ontario Court (General Division)

Michael James Moldaver
1990–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1995 Ontario Court (General Division)
1995– Court of Appeal

Michael Isadore F. Fortier
1990–1996 Ontario Court (General Division)

Stuart Powell Webb
1990–1996 Ontario Court (General Division)

James Ian McKay
1990–1996 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Gerald Michael White
1981–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1996 Ontario Court (General Division)

Alexander John Davidson
1990–1996 Ontario Court (General Division)

Lloyd Alvin Woods
1990–1996 Ontario Court (General Division)

Joseph Charles Kane
1990–1996 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Alfred Goodearle
1990–1996 Ontario Court (General Division)

Lorraine Gotlib
1990–1996 Ontario Court (General Division)

William F. Higgins
1990–1997 Ontario Court (General Division)

Edward Saunders
1977–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1997 Ontario Court (General Division)

George William Adams
1991–1997 Ontario Court (General Division)

James Crossland
1990–1997 Ontario Court (General Division)

Douglas Henry Carruthers
1977–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1997 Ontario Court (General Division)

Edward Oswald Fanjoy
1990–1997 Ontario Court (General Division)

William Burley Lane
1990–1997 Ontario Court (General Division)

Stephen Borins
1990–1997 Ontario Court (General Division)
1997– Court of Appeal

Robert Campbell Rutherford
1979–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1997 Ontario Court (General Division)

Donald Robert Steele
1976–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)

Gerald Foster Kinsman
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)

Patrick William Perras
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)

Joseph Peter McMahon
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Francis Michael McCart
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)

Kathryn Newman Feldman
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)
1998–Court of Appeal

David Fletcher Mossop
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)

George Stephen Plow Ferguson
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)

William Deneau Lyon
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)

Joseph Wesley O'Brien
1981–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)

Janet Lang Boland
1986–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1998 Ontario Court (General Division)

Spyros Demosthenes Loukidelis
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

Roger Elias Salhany
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

Richard Jean Huneault
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Brunton Webber
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

Keith Munro Gibson
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

Francis James Zoltan Kovacs
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

Marie Carmel Corbett
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

John Abercrombie Pringle
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

James Arthur Mullen
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

Mario Crescenzo Di Salle
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

Joseph David Sheard
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

Alvin Benjamin Rosenberg
1983–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)

James Curry MacPherson
1993–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–1999 Superior Court of Justice
1999– Court of Appeal

Robert James Sharpe
1995–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–1999 Superior Court of Justice
1999– Court of Appeal

Stanton Bardsley Hogg
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–1999 Superior Court of Justice

Ernest Frederick West
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–1999 Superior Court of Justice

James Douglas Bernstein
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–1999 Superior Court of Justice

Lawrence Roland Morin
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–1999 Superior Court of Justice

George Turker Walsh
1978–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

David Gondran Humphrey
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

Judith Miriam Bell
1986–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

Peter Bourdon Tobias
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

Charles Francis Doyle
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

Samuel Houston Murphy
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

Kenneth Charles Binks
1991–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

Charles Terrence Murphy
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

Joseph Henry Potts
1981–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

George Yates
1987–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

Janet Marie Simmons
1991–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice
2000– Court of Appeal

Thomas Arthur Beckett
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2000 Superior Court of Justice

Ernest Patrick Hartt
1966–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2001 Superior Court of Justice

Paul Gillrie Philp
1988–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2001 Superior Court of Justice

Kenneth George Ouellette
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2001 Superior Court of Justice

Paul Stephen Andrew Lamek
1999–2001 Superior Court of Justice

Joseph Paul–Emile Hector Soublière
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2001 Superior Court of Justice

James Bonham Strange Southey
1975–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2001 Superior Court of Justice

Jean–Jacques Fleury
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2001 Superior Court of Justice

Dennis Francis O’Leary
1973–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2001 Superior Court of Justice

Eileen Elizabeth Gillese
1999–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2002 Superior Court of Justice
2002– Court of Appeal

Edward Francis Wren
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2002 Superior Court of Justice

Bernard William Hurley
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2002 Superior Court of Justice

Thomas George Zuber
1972–1975 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1975–1990 Court of Appeal
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2002 Superior Court of Justice

Robert Mose Patrick Daudlin
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2002 Superior Court of Justice

Hugh Russell Locke
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2002 Superior Court of Justice

William Joseph Morrison
1991–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2002 Superior Court of Justice

Donna Jean Haley
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2002 Superior Court of Justice

John Elston Van Duzer
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2002 Superior Court of Justice

J.A.N. Pierre Mercier
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2002 Superior Court of Justice

Jean–Charles Sirois
1982–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2003 Superior Court of Justice

Moir Lenore Caswell
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2003 Superior Court of Justice

Allan McNiece Austin
1986–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1992 Ontario Court (General Division)
1992–2003 Court of Appeal

Gorden George Nicholls
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2003 Superior Court of Justice

Edward Gordon McNeely
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2003 Superior Court of Justice

Anthony McWilliam Maloney
1975–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2003 Superior Court of Justice

Stanley Roy Kurisko
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2003 Superior Court of Justice

Frank Kelso Roberts
1992–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2003 Superior Court of Justice

Richard Gerald Trainor
1979–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2003 Superior Court of Justice

Carl Zalev
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2003 Superior Court of Justice

James Barton Chadwick
1988–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Robert A. Blair
1991–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice
2007– Court of Appeal

Patricia Riley German
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Sam Norman Filer
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Ray Stortini
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Patrick Joseph LeSage
1990–1994 Ontario Court (General Division)
1994–1996 Associate Chief Justice of
Ontario Court (General Division)
1996–1999 Chief Justice of Ontario Court
(General Division)
1999–2002 Chief Justice of Superior Court
of Justice
2002–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Derek Mendes Da Costa
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Susan Elizabeth Lang
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice
2004– Court of Appeal

Russell Gordon Juriansz
1998–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice
2004– Court of Appeal

Paul Greer Marshall Hermiston
1991–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

William Dan Chilcott
1988–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Robert Alisdair Fraser Sutherland
1982–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Michael Paul Forestell
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Richard Jeffrey Flinn
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Arthur Carrick Whealy
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Charles Bruce Noble
1991–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Louise Viviane Charron
1990–1995 Ontario Court (General Division)
1995–2004 Court of Appeal
2004– Supreme Court of Canada

Patricia Helen Wallace
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Arthur Paul Dilks
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice

Jean Louise MacFarland
1987–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice
2004– Court of Appeal

Harry Smith LaForme
1994–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2004 Superior Court of Justice
2004– Court of Appeal

James Michael Donnelly
1985–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

Joseph Charles McGuigan James
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

Paul S. Rouleau
2002–2005 Superior Court of Justice
2005– Court of Appeal

Chester Carl Misener
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

John Dale O’Flynn
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

Nicholson Duncan McRae
1982–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

Abraham Mandel
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

Lawrence Cyril Kozak
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

Robert Joseph Arthur Cusson
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

Mary Frances Dunbar
1995–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

Hugh David Petrie Logan
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

George William Dandie
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2005 Superior Court of Justice

John Garner Kerr
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2006 Superior Court of Justice

Norman Douglas Coe
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2006 Superior Court of Justice

Fabian Hugh Poulin
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2006 Superior Court of Justice

John Gerald Joseph O’Driscoll
1971–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2006 Superior Court of Justice

Edythe Irene MacDonald
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2006 Superior Court of Justice

James Montague Farley
1989–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2006 Superior Court of Justice

Emile Rosario Millette
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2006 Superior Court of Justice

Douglas Howard Lissaman
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2006 Superior Court of Justice

Bruce Clyde Hawkins
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2006 Superior Court of Justice

Norman Desmond Dyson
1995–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

Richard Thomas Patrick Gravely
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

Robert Edward Zelinski
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

Archie Gray Campbell
1986–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

Ronald Charles Sills
1992–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

John Dawson Ground
1991–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

R. Roy McMurtry
1991–1994 Associate Chief Justice of Ontario
Court (General Division)
1994–1996 Chief Justice of Ontario Court
(General Division)
1996–2007 Chief Justice of Ontario

Warren Keith Winkler
1993–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice
2007– Chief Justice of Ontario

Gordon Patrick Killeen
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

Harry Joseph Keenan
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

J. David Watt
1985–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice
2007– Court of Appeal

Michael Richard Meehan
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

Joseph Charles Scime
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

Thomas Joseph Lally
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

Gloria Jean Epstein
1991–1993 Ontario Court (General Division)
1993–2007 Superior Court of Justice
2007– Court of Appeal

George Dennis Lane
1989–1990 High Court of Justice for Ontario
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2007 Superior Court of Justice

Gerald Francis Day
1992–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2008 Superior Court of Justice

Keith Alexander Hoilett
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2008 Superior Court of Justice

Hugh Michael O'Connell
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2008 Superior Court of Justice

William Parker Somers
1990–1999 Ontario Court (General Division)
1999–2008 Superior Court of Justice

Endnotes

- 1 According to O. Reg. 256/08, the complement of full-time judges is currently fixed at 231 plus 11 judges who comprise the Regional Senior Judges Council.
- 2 The Provincial Division was later renamed the Ontario Court of Justice in 1999.
- 3 s. 468 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.
- 4 s. 71 of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 5 s. 72 of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 6 s. 77 of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 7 NB: The MOU was signed by the Chief Justice of the Superior Court and the Attorney General in May 2008.
- 8 s. 14(1) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 9 s. 75(1) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 10 s. 14(2) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 11 s. 15(1) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 12 Peter W. Hogg, "The Role of the Chief Justice in Canada", 19 Queen's Law Journal at 248.
- 13 s. 14(4) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 14 s. 14(2) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 15 s. 75(1) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 16 s. 14(3) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 17 s. 32(1) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 18 s. 33.1(1) to s.33.1(21) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 19 s. 14(5) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 20 s. 14(7); s. 52(2.2) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- 21 All population statistics contained in the Annual Report are based on the Ontario Ministry of Finance—Ontario Population Projects (April 2006), 2001 Stats Can Census as at July 1, 2007.
- 22 In 1990, the High Court of Justice for Ontario merged with the District Court and the Surrogate Court to create one large superior trial court called the Ontario Court (General Division) which was later renamed the Superior Court of Justice in 1999.

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