

ARBOS AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

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ARBOS ACCEPTANCE REMARKS



It is an honour and privilege to receive this Arbos Award and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the executive for this honour.

My entire legal career has been inextricably linked to teachers, the teaching profession and the STF.

I first became involved with teachers and the STF on my very first day as an articling student with the Gauley & Co. law firm. I had the opportunity to attend a teacher termination hearing and I had the good fortune to continue that involvement by representing teachers and the STF for many years, later serving as general legal counsel to the STF.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many dedicated teachers, partners in education and STF professionals. This has enabled me to practice in a wide variety of areas of the law and to appear in every level of court from provincial court up to the Supreme Court of Canada and has made my years of practice both challenging and rewarding.

Representing teachers has also served to heighten my understanding and appreciation for what teachers do and accomplish with students, both inside and outside of the classroom, often with little or no recognition.

Having seen and been involved with other employee organizations, one thing I have learned and come to appreciate over the years is that the STF is a first class organization which has always been there to support teachers and the cause of education. I am proud to have been associated with the STF.

I am honoured and humbled to receive this award and I would like to extend my gratitude and best wishes to the executive, the STF and STF members. Thank you.

