

## ■ Diversifying the bar: lawyers make history

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### Early and Exceptional Lawyers of Diverse Communities, by Last Name

#### Introduction

In the table below, the names of early and exceptional Ontario lawyers of diverse communities are arranged in order of the last name of the lawyer. The entry for each lawyer includes year admitted to the profession. (This is usually the year called to the bar, but before 1889, when the profession was divided into two branches, solicitors and barristers, in some cases it is the year admitted to the courts as a solicitor. From 1889, all lawyers admitted to practice were admitted as both barristers and solicitors, and all were called to the bar). Also shown: name; year of birth if known and in the case of living lawyers, if permitted; year of death where known for deceased lawyers (a question mark indicates that the lawyer is deceased but the year is not known); and the name of the diverse community or heritage to which he or she belongs (more than one community or heritage is possible).

See also

[Early and Exceptional Male Lawyers of Diverse Communities by Year of Call to the Bar](#)

[Early and Exceptional Female Lawyers of Diverse Communities by Year of Call to the Bar](#)

More information on each lawyer is available in other documents in these webpages. See also:

[Biographies of Early and Exceptional Lawyers of Diverse Communities Arranged By Year Called to the Bar](#)

[Biographies of Early and Exceptional Lawyers of Diverse Communities Arranged by Community](#)

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Abella	Rosalie Silberman	Female	1972	1946		Jewish
Agro	Angelo J.	Male	1937	1911	1999	Italian
Agro	John Louis	Male	1949	1919	1998	Italian
Alexandris	Georgina	Female	1993	1967		Greek
Alford	Gertrude	Female	1916	?	1975	Women
Ali	Syed Mumtaz	Male	1962	1926	2009	Muslim; South Asian
Amerasinghe	Christopher Ajith	Male	1976	1940		South Asian
Anand	Raj	Male	1980	1955		South Asian
Assaf	Dany H.	Male	1996	1969		Arab
Baby	Charles	Male	1828	1806	1871	francophone; Roman Catholic
Baker	Annie Epstein	Female	1929	1908	2005	Jewish
Barry	John	Male	1870	c. 1825	1887	Irish Catholic
Bassel	John Peter	Male	1947	1921	2000	Greek
Baxter	Evelyn	Female	1993	1967		Aboriginal
Beaulieu	Lucien	Male	1968	1933		francophone
Beaulne	Jean-Pierre	Male	1955	1925	2009	francophone
Belcourt	Napoleon Antoine	Male	1884	1860	1932	francophone
Bennett	Jacob Manuel	Male	1919	1896	1983	Jewish

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Bhabha	Feroza	Female	1987	1958		Muslim; South Asian
Binavince	Emilio	Male	1971	1935		Filipino
Birnbaum	Samuel Joseph	Male	1914	?	1966	Jewish
Bitzer	Conrad	Male	1881	1853	1903	German
Bonkalo	Annemarie E.	Female	1978			Women; Hungarian
Borins	Norman	Male	1930	1906	1991	Jewish; Russian
Boutet	Nathalie	Female	1991	1965		francophone from Quebec
Braithwaite	Leonard A.	Male	1958	1923		Black
Broudy	Jacob William	Male	1914	c. 1890	1936	Jewish
Cairns	Jean	Female	1913	1886	1982	Women
Campbell	Christopher George	Male	1949	1915	2003	Greek
Campeau	Lovedy Josephine	Female	1919	1894	1980	Women
Carasco	Emily	Female	1984	1948		South Asian
Caron	Jean Baptiste Thomas	Male	1898	1869	1944	francophone
Carruthers	Charles Wattie	Male	1914	1886	1976	Persons with Disabilities
Carter	George E.	Male	1949	1921		Black
Catzman	Frederick Murray	Male	1929	1907	2003	Jewish

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Chandhoke	Inderpaul Singh	Male	1996	1952		Sikh; South Asian
Charron	Louise V.	Female	1977	1951		francophone
Cherrier	Theresa	Female	1918	1890	1961	Women
Chevrier	Edgar Rodolphe Eugène	Male	1912	1887	1956	francophone
Chumak	Olga	Female	1944	1917	2003	Ukrainian
Cohen	Arthur	Male	1906	c. 1882	1975	Jewish
Cohen	Jacob Laurence	Male	1918	c. 1902	1950	Jewish
Cohen	Samuel	Male	1918	c. 1893	1954	Jewish
Cohn	Tmima Mamie Littner	Female	1932	1907	1989	Jewish
Coros	George William	Male	1956	1930		Greek
Cosentino	Joseph Augustus	Male	1935	1908	1981	Italian
Couto	Ayres Victor	Male	1966	1930		South Asian
Croll	David Arnold	Male	1924	1900	1991	Jewish; Russian
Cross	E. Lionel	Male	1924	1890	?	Black
Czutrin	George	Male	1978	1950		Hungarian
Davis	Delos Rogest	Male	1884	1846	1915	Black
Davis	Frederick Homer Alphonso	Male	1900	1871	1926	Black
Davis	Lionel	Male	1909	c. 1884	1943	Jewish

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De Sommer	Joseph A.	Male	1965	1928		Hungarian
Denton	Laura	Female	1920	1891	?	Women
Desmarais	Jean-Noel	male	1922	1897	1983	francophone
Detlor	Aaron	Male	1998	1967		Kanienkehaka/Haudenosaunee
Dignan	Ralph Hubert	Male	1898	1863	1935	Roman Catholic
Dubin	Anne Ruth	Female	1951	1926	2007	Jewish
Dubin	Charles Leonard	Male	1944	1921	2008	Jewish
Ducharme	Todd	Male	1988	1959		Métis
Eng	Susan	Female	1977			Chinese
Factor	Samuel	Male	1915	1892	1962	Jewish
Favret	Lucia	Female	1986	1957		Italian
Felkai	Frank	Male	1970	1942		Hungarian
Ferns	Barboura Ann	Female	1974	1947		Women
Finberg	Isidor	Male	1914	1892	1946	Jewish
Finkelman	Jacob	Male	1930	1907	2003	Jewish
Finkle	Henry Mortimer	Male	1917	1893	1962	Jewish
Floras	Frederick	Male	1951	1924		Greek
Fouriezos	Charles T.	Male	1955	1930		Greek
Foy	James Joseph	Male	1871	1847	1916	Irish Catholic
Fraser	Hugh	Male	1979	1952		Black
Friedland	Martin L.	Male	1960	1932		Jewish

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Geller	John Arthur	Male	1955	1930		Jewish
Gerretsen	John	Male	1969	1942		Dutch
Go	Avvy Yao-Yao	Female	1991	1963		Chinese
Goldstick	David	Male	1924	c. 1896	1944	Jewish
Goodman	David Bertram	Male	1917	c. 1894	1969	Jewish
Goodman	Edwin Allan	Male	1947	1918	2006	Jewish
Gotfrid	Samuel	Male	1932	1907	2007	Jewish; Polish
Gottlieb	Gary Lloyd	Male	1970	1943		Orthodox Jewish
Grant	Gretta J.	Female	1946	1921		Chinese
Grossman	Helen	Female	1929	c. 1905	1988	Jewish; Russian
Grudeff	John	Male	1926	1894	1985	Bulgarian
Gupta	Neena	Female	1989	1963		South Asian
Hagerman	Nicholas	Male	1797	1761	1819	Dutch
Hare	Susan Mabel	Female	1952	1995		Aboriginal
Hellmuth	Isidore Frederick	Male	1877	1854	1944	Jewish
Herlick	Carl M.	Male	1913	?	1966	Jewish
Hewson	Grace Ellen	Female	1908	1885	1973	Women
Himel	Irving	Male	1938	1915	2001	Jewish
Hodgins	Apha Isabella	Female	1919	1892	1983	Women
Humeniuk	Theodore	Male	1923	1891	1978	Ukrainian
Hyndman	Margaret	Female	1926	1902	1991	Women
Iacobucci	Frank	Male	1970	1937		Italian

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Ianni	Ronald William	Male	1963	1935	1997	Italian
Imai	Shin	Male	1980	1950		Japanese
Isaacs	Peter	Male	1966	1938		Aboriginal
Janssen	Charlotte	Female	1988	1960		Dutch
Juriansz	Russell	Male	1974	1946		South Asian
Kaplan Goldstick	Iva Sarah	Female	1943	1904	1986	Jewish; Russian
Karakatsanis	Andromache	Female	1982	1955		Greek
Kert	Lawrence	Male	1920	1896	1976	Jewish
Keyfetz	Murray	Male	1924	1900	1985	Jewish
Khoorshed	Minoo F.	Male	1968	1938		South Asian
King	Oscar Herman	Male	1910	1886	1962	German; Jewish
King	Samuel	Male	1891	?	1963	German; Jewish
Kinnear	Helen Alice	Female	1920	1894	1970	Women
Kissoon	Dhaman Persaud	Male	1991	1956		South Asian
Klein	Alphonse Basil	Male	1874	1851	after 1926	German
Kokonis	James D.	Male	1959	1932		Greek
Kovacs	Francis	Male	1955	1930	1999	Hungarian
Krishna	Vern	Male	1983	1943		South Asian
Laird	Marjorie Alice Ransier	Female	1948	1923	1997	Women
Lal	Stindar K.	Male	1991			South Asian

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LaMarsh	Judy (Julia Verlyn)	Female	1950	1924	1980	Women
Lampkin	Vibert A. R.	Male	1969	1933		Black
Lapierre	Horace	Male	1866	?		Francophone
Laskin	Bora	Male	1936	1912	1984	Jewish; Russian
Laughton	Mary Elizabeth	Female	1915	c. 1890	?	Women
Le Dain	Gerald Eric	Male	1968	1924	2007	francophone
Lee	Muriel	Female	1919	c. 1894	?	Women
Legge	Laura	Female	1948	1923		Women
Lévesque	Gérard	Male	1988			francophone
Levinter	Isadore	Male	1921	1898	1980	Jewish; Austrian
Li	Jinyan	Female	1994	1963		Chinese
Lickers	Norman	Male	1938	1913	1987	Aboriginal
Lieff	Abraham Herman	Male	1926	1903	2007	Jewish; Polish
Lofchik	Thomas R.	Male	1972	1943		Hungarian
Loukidelis	Ernest	Male	1959	1934		Greek
Loukidelis	Spyros Demosthenes	Male	1957	1930	2001	Greek
Low	Wailan	Female	1980	1950		Chinese
Lown	Norma	Female	1919	c. 1889	?	Women
Ludwig	Michael	Male	1889	1867	1937	German

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	Hermann					
Luxenberg	Benjamin	Male	1920	1897	1993	Jewish
Lynch	Emily Frances	Female	1925	1900	1962	Roman Catholic
Lynk	Michael	Male	1984	1952		Arab
Ma	Lillian	Female	1994	1946		Chinese
Macdonell	Angus	Male	1797	?	1804	Roman Catholic
MacLellan	Archibald Leitch	Male	1860	1832	1902	Persons with Disabilities
MacLellan	Duncan	Male	1865	1836	1920	Persons with Disabilities
Maki	Kauko Elias	male	1940	1914	1989	Finnish
Maldaver	Leo Abraham	Male	1918	c. 1894	1963	Jewish
Manjuris	George	Male	1956	1928	2000	Greek
Marrocco	Frank N.	Male	1972	1945		Italian
Martin	Clara Brett	Female	1897	1874	1923	Women
McCormack	Charles Stewart	Male	1959	?	1992	Persons with Disabilities
McNulty	Mary	Female	1918	c. 1895	1972	Roman Catholic; Women
Mehr	Samuel Max	Male	1912	1885	1968	Jewish; Russian
Mercier	Raoul	Male	1922	1897	1961	francophone
Métivier	Monique	Female	1979	1942		Francophone
Meyer	Willem John Bernard	Male	1958	1931		Dutch
Mohideen	Fatima	Female	1978	1948		Chinese

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Morten	Marvin	Male	1974	1944		Black
Mundi	Kamaljit Kaur	Female	1993	1970		South Asian
Murphy	Nicholas	Male	1865	c. 1843	1907	Irish Catholic
Nahwegahbow	David	Male	1982	1956		Aboriginal; Anishnabe/Ojibway
Nakatsuru	Shaun	Male	1988	1960		Japanese
Norton	Keith	Male	1971	1941	2010	LGBT
O'Connor	John, Jr.	Male	1854	1824	1884	Persons with Disabilities; Irish Catholic
O'Donnell	Marie E. (Tracey)	Female	1995	1966		Aboriginal; Anishinabek
O'Donohoe	John	Male	1869	1824	1902	Irish Catholic
O'Rourke	Jean Elizabeth	Female	1931	1908	1974	Roman Catholic
Oiye	Kazuo George	Male	1954	1926		Japanese
Okuloski	Helen Frances	Female	1935	1912	1993	Polish
Okuloski	John Edward	Male	1948	1922	1965	Polish
Olivier	Louis Adolphe	Male	1879	?	1889	francophone
Omatsu	Maryka	Female	1977	1948		Japanese
Opekokew	Delia	Female	1979			Aboriginal
O'Reilly	James	Male	1847	1823	1875	Irish Catholic
Palen	Helen Beatrice	Female	1918	?	1971	Women
Palmay	Frank	Male	1978	1949		Hungarian
Panarites	Stella Avura	Female	1953	1924	1986	Greek

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Parsons	Vera L.	Female	1924	1889	1973	Persons with Disabilities; Women
Paterson	Edith Louise	Female	1915	?	after 1970	Women
Pawagi	Manjusha B.	female	1997	1967		South Asian
Pearlstein	Jacob David	Male	1919	1894	1983	Jewish
Perry	Lloyd William	Male	1950	1919	1997	Black
Phillips	Nathan	Male	1913	1892	1976	Jewish
Pierce	Helen M.	Female	1982	1953		Métis
Pitt	Bertrand Joseph Spencer	Male	1928	1892	1961	Black
Pitt	Romain W. M.	Male	1965	1935		Black
Plouffe	Joseph A. Symoune	Male	1919	1893	1964	francophone
Poolman	Willem George	Male	1958	1923	2009	Dutch
Poon	Sidney S.	Male	1970	1936		Chinese
Powley	Eva Maude	Female	1902	1875	?	Women
Preobrazenski	Christophe	Male	1981	1951		Polish
Rawlins	Micheline	Female	1982	1951		Black
Ray	Sheila	Female	1981	1956		South Asian
Ray-Ellis	Soma	Female	1992	1964		South Asian
Roach	Charles	Male	1963	1933		Black African
Robins	Sydney Lewis	Male	1947	1923		Jewish

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Robinson	Vera Alexandra	Female	1920	c. 1897	1979	Women
Roebuck	Joseph	Male	1921	1898	1968	Jewish
Roebuck	Manning Harold	male	1924	1901	1997	Jewish
Rohleder	Frederick	Male	1889	1863	?	German
Rosemay	Vibert T.	Male	1971	1935		African Canadian
Rotenberg	Meyer	Male	1918	1894	1958	Jewish; Polish
Ryan	John Aloysius	Male	1919	c. 1894	1931	Persons with Disabilities
Salhany	Roger	Male	1964	1937		Arab
Sareen	Iva	Female	1979	1950		South Asian
Scott	Ian	Male	1962	1934	2006	LGBT
Shamess	Alfred Ely	Male	1960	1932		Antiochian Orthodox Christian; Lebanese
Shannon	David William	Male	1996	1963		Persons with Disabilities
Sherizen	Lily I.	Female	1930	1906	1991	Jewish; Lithuanian
Shulman	Percy	Male	1916	c. 1893	1968	Jewish
Silk	Aileen Isabel	Female	1919	c. 1896	1943	Women
Singer	Abraham	Male	1912	1887	1966	Austrian; Jewish
Singer	Ephraim Frederick	Male	1912	?	1953	Austrian; Jewish
Singer	Joseph	Male	1911	1890	1967	Jewish; Polish
Singer	Louis Michael	Male	1908	1885	1959	Jewish; Polish

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Sopinka	John	Male	1960	1933	1997	Ukrainian
Speal	George Nicholas	Male	1958	1932	2008	Greek
St. Aubin	Alibert	Male	1933	1902	1993	francophone
Staats	Howard Edwin	Male	1966	1940		Aboriginal
Stayshyn	Walter	Male	1963	1934		Roman Catholic; Ukrainian
Stewart	William	Male	1891	?	?	Persons with Disabilities
Stortini	Ray	Male	1960	1929		Italian
Sugiyama	Constance	Female	1979			Japanese "Sansei" (third generation)
Sutherland	Robert	Male	1855	1830	1878	Black
Taillon	George	Male	1866	?		francophone
Takach	Gabor	Male	1973	1944		Hungarian
Taylor	Gladys Verona	Female	1920	c. 1897	?	Women
Thomas	Bruce A.	Male	1960	1933		Lebanese
Tokiwa	Paul Yoshiharu	Male	1962	1927	1994	Japanese
Toth	Bernard	Male	1956	1930		Hungarian
Tsampalieros	Gabriel Theodosios	Male	1975	1947	2009	Greek
Tuchtie	Walter	Male	1932	1906	1980	Ukrainian
Turnbull	Brian	Male	1991	1944	2006	Persons with Disabilities
Valin	Joseph	Male	1884	1857	1945	francophone

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	Alphonse					
van der Steen	Ronald H. A.	Male	1998	1959		Dutch
Van Melle	Francine E.	Female	1982	1955		Dutch
Vannini	Ilvio Anthony	Male	1943	1915	1998	Italian
Vasilaros	Leslie	Male	1967	1932		Greek
Vass	Ferenc	Male	1948	1914	c. 1990	Hungarian
Verbeek	Leonard	Male	1964	1915	2000	Dutch
Vorvis	William	Male	1951	1927		Greek
Wang	Kechin	Male	1958	1919	2000	Chinese
Wappel	Tom	Male	1976	1950		Hungarian
Watson	James Edgar	Male	1937	1911	1998	Black
Westmoreland-Traoré	Juanita	Female	1997	1942		African Canadian; Quebecer
White	Solomon	Male	1865	1836	1911	Aboriginal
Whitehall	Ivan G.	Male	1985	1942		Hungarian
Wigle	Ruby Mildred	Female	1926	1893	?	Women
Willemse	Conrad Albert	Male	1975	1947		Dutch
Wilson	Bertha	Female	1959	1923	2007	Women
Wissler	Henry	Male	1886	?	1953	German
Wong	Chi-Wah (Tony)	Male	1987	1948	2009	Chinese
Wong	Mavin	Female	1986	1960		Chinese
Wright	Geraldine	Female	1907	?	1967	Women

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	Bertram					
Wychowaneec	Stephanie Jessie	Female	1959	1933		Ukrainian
Yachetti	Roger Dennis	Male	1966	1940		Italian
Yaremko	John	Male	1944	1918		Ukrainian
Yatchew	John	Male	1933	1895	1958	Ukrainian
Yee	Gary	Male	1985	1959		Chinese
Yip	Kew Dock	Male	1945	1906	2001	Chinese
Zalev	Carl	Male	1953	1928		Jewish