

Clayton C. Ruby, CM, LL.D

Clayton C. Ruby is one of Canada's leading defence lawyers, an outspoken proponent of freedom of the press, and a prominent member of the environmental community.

Mr. Ruby received his LL.B. from the University of Toronto and his LL.M. from the University of California (Berkeley). Since then he has been a partner with the law firm of Ruby & Edwardh in Toronto.

Mr. Ruby, who specializes in criminal, constitutional, administrative and civil rights law, has devoted his professional career to ensuring that those who are underprivileged and those who face discrimination are given equal access to the legal system of this country.

Many of his cases have been high-profile: He represented Donald Marshall Jr., who spent 11 years in jail after being wrongly convicted of murder, at the Royal Commission on the Donald Marshall Jr. Prosecution, which brought wrongful miscarriages of justice under new and more careful scrutiny. He negotiated a settlement for the three surviving Dionne quintuplets, who were removed from their parents by the provincial government in 1934 and put on display in Quintland, a commercial theme park designed to boost Ontario's depression-ravaged economy. He also obtained an acquittal for Guy Paul Morin, who was wrongfully accused of murdering a child, at Mr. Morin's first trial.

In addition to his extensive legal practice and advocacy, Mr. Ruby is editor of *Canadian Rights Reporter* and a former director and current member of PEN Canada, both of which champion freedom of expression. His published legal writing includes: textbook for lawyers entitled *Sentencing*, 6th edition, 2004; *Canadian Rights Reporter*, comprehensive case reports on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and *LawLawLaw*, 1973.

In the environmental arena, he is chair of Earthroots and was made an honorary director of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund after serving on its board for many years. He was also a director of the Greenpeace Canada Charitable Foundation.

In late 2005, Mr. Ruby served as the acting Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, for which he has served as a bencher since 1977. In 2006, he was made a Member of the Order of Canada.

For devoting his career to ensuring that those who are underprivileged and those who face discrimination are given equal access to the legal system of this country, Mr. Ruby was awarded the Doctor of Law (honoris causa) degree by the Law Society of Upper Canada in 2006.