

NEIL WITTMANN, Chief Justice Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Neil Wittmann was a lawyer in private practice in Alberta, mainly Calgary, for approximately 31 years prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeal of Alberta in 1999. Justice Wittmann was appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in 2005 and Chief Justice in 2009. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce, (1964) University of Manitoba; Bachelor of Laws, (1967) University of Alberta; Doctorate of Laws, (Hon.) (2013) University of Lethbridge.

As a practicing lawyer, he appeared before the courts in every Province from Ontario to British Columbia, including the Supreme Court of Canada and before many boards and administrative tribunals. While a lawyer, he was a Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Founding Chair of the Canadian Lawyers' Insurance Association, the Chair of the Standards Advisory Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, the President of the Canadian Bar Insurance Association and a Uniform Law Commissioner for Alberta. He served as a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta from 1990 through 1997 and served as its President in 1996-97.

Chief Justice Wittmann was a board member of the Alberta Law Reform Institute from 1993 and its Chair 1998-2010. He served as a Member of Council of the Canadian Superior Court Judges' Association. He served as a Member of the Canadian Judicial Council and as a Vice Chair of its Judicial Conduct Committee since 2008. He has been a Canadian Football League arbitrator since 2006.