

CURRICULUM VITAE

PROFESSIONAL UNDERTAKINGS:

Current: **International Women's Rights Project**, Founder, 1997
Emphasis on Afghanistan, Bahamas, Eastern European newly independent states such as Ukraine.

Law, Systems & Advocacy, Founder, 1985, Legal and strategic counsel to public and private sector clients. Textbook in process: ***Sexual Abuse of Patients: A Prevention Guide for Health Professionals***. (Toronto: Butterworth's - Lexis Nexis) expected Fall 2003, Co-author

The National Study on the Health of Rural, Remote and Northern Women in Canada, Co-Investigator and Co-Director

Masters in Law (Constitutional Programme), Osgoode Hall Law School of York University – in process.

National Firearms Program Advisory Council (new gun control body), Appointed as Member by the Solicitor General of Canada, June 2003.

2001-03 **Executive Coordinator** (chief executive officer) of the National Network on Environments and Women's Health, a federally funded **centre of excellence for research in women's health**, based at York University, with responsibility for facilitation of more than fifty research projects, management of the cyber network connecting some forty social science academic and community researchers in Canada, as well as international liaison on women's health and human rights.

2000 -- 01 **Chair, Special Task Force on Sexual Abuse of Patients** by Health Professionals. Appointed by the Minister of Health for Ontario, to review the impact of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, its related codes, policies and practices in the implementation of the Act by 21 regulatory colleges and 23 health professions in responding to situations involving the sexual abuse of patients by regulated health professionals in Ontario.

Visiting Professor, University of Waterloo. Designed and taught seminar on "Building Healthier Communities: Local to Global Human Rights"

1997- 2001 **Founding Director, International Women's Rights Project**, York University Centre for Feminist Research.

1996 –97 **Strategic Counsel** to Friends of Women's College Hospital and to CEO, Liberty Health.

- 1996 **Executive Coordinator, Summit of Women Leaders of the Americas for Mental Health**, Washington, D.C., hosted by PAHO, WHO, World Federation for Mental Health and The Carter Center, .
- Co-Chair, International Multidisciplinary Teaching to Promote Women’s Health Conference** at University of Toronto.
- 1994-1996 **Corporate Director**, Health Partnerships and International Liaison, Women’s College Hospital, Toronto.
- 1991-1994 **Corporate Director**, Healthy City Toronto.
Editor-in-Chief of the first "State of the City" Report.
- 1990-1991 **Chair, Independent Task Force on Sexual Abuse of Patients**, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.
- 1983-1984 **Executive Coordinator and Research Director**, Mayor’s Action Task Force on Homelessness and Discharged Psychiatric Patients, City of Toronto.
- 1982-1984 **The Health Advocate** for the City of Toronto
- 1980-1982 **Counsel**, Ad Hoc Committee of Canadian Women on the Constitution.
- 1981-1982 **Lawyer**, Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped (ARCH)
- 1980 **Lawyer**, Women's Radio Licence Application, Rogers Radio Broadcasting.
- 1979-1980 **Legal Director**, CBC-TV program “The Ombudsman”.
- 1978-1979 **Staff Lawyer**, Ombudsman of Ontario.
- 1978 Call to the Bar of Ontario.
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WORK SAMPLES

- 2003 "Forgotten Women" Discussion Paper for the National Consultation on Rural, Remote and Northern Women's Health, March 16-19 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, co-author
- 2002 "Using International Human Rights Instruments to Promote Women's Health" Paper and Workshop for the 9th International Meeting on Women's Health, co-author
- 2001 "What about accountability to the patient?" The Final Report of the Special Task on the Sexual Abuse of Patients. ISBN 0-7778-9917-5, Task Force Chair
- 2000 *The First CEDAW Impact Study: Final Report*. ISBN 1-55014-397-2, Study Director
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- 1999 Publisher, *Busy Woman's Guide to the Internet* (York University, 1999)
- 1998 Guest Editor, *Refuge – the Journal of Refugee Studies*, *New Cargo – trafficking in women*. (York University, 1998)
- 1997 World Health Statistics Quarterly, Special Issue: Health Security for Women, *Sexual abuse in health professions-who's counting?*
- Women's College Hospital v. Health Services Restructuring Commission, preparation of evidence regarding the health impact of violence against women.
- 1996 Canadian Medical Association Journal, *Physician-patient privilege: the legal assault continues*. June 1, 1996; 154 (11).
- 1995 Journal of Women's Health, *Bulletin Board column*.
- Canadian Medical Association Journal, *The legal assault on physician-patient privilege* November 15, 1995; 153 (10).
- 1994 Editor in Chief, *The First State of the City Report*, Toronto.
- 1991 Final Report of the Independent Task Force on Sexual Abuse of Patients. Cited, Supreme Court of Canada Decision: Norberg v. Wynrib.
- 1984 Final Report, *The Action Task Force on Discharged Psychiatric Patients*, Toronto.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP - SAMPLES

Consultant to the **American Bar Association / Central and Eastern European Law Initiative** – Women's Human Rights Advocacy Program, Russia May-June 2002.

Co-founder in 1985 and past National Chair in 1999 of the Board of **LEAF – the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund**, a national non-profit legal defence fund dedicated to advancing equality for women,

Co-founder in 1984 and Chair of the Board (1994 – 1999) of **METRAC – the Metro Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children**, a non-profit catalyst for systemic change in the areas of law reform, health and education to stop violence, 1984 – 1999. Member, Pink Ribbon Committee, the precursor to the Task Force on Public Violence Against Women and Children, established by Metropolitan Toronto Council.

Chair of the Board, **LEAF Foundation**, 1990 – 1994.

Chair of the Board, **Nellie's Hostel for Women**, 1983 – 1985.

Co-convenor, **National Symposium on Equality Rights**, 1984.

Co-founder, **Charter of Rights Education Fund**, 1982.

Co-convenor, **First National Conference on Law and Handicapped Persons**, 1982.

Member, **Canadian Bar Association / Canadian Medical Association Liaison Committee**, 1981 – 1986.

Co-chair, **Working Committee on Pornography, Media and Violence Against Women**, Metro Toronto Task Force on Public Violence Against Women and Children, 1982 - 83.

Founding Volunteer, **Toronto Rape Crisis Centre**, 1973.

RECOGNITION

2002 Recipient, Queen's Jubilee Medal

2001 Named as one of Canada's ten most influential feminists, Homemakers Magazine.

1997 Women's Law Association of Ontario, Co-Recipient with Maureen Kempston Darkes - *The President's Award for Service to the Profession*.

1996 Women Who Make a Difference: *Business and Professional Leadership Award*, Toronto Life Fashion magazine.

Advisor, Best Practices Board of The Healthcare Forum / California Wellness Foundation

1994 Canadian Women Who's Who

1994 *The Merck Frosst Award* for Building Healthier Communities to Healthy City Toronto

1993 *Woman of the Year*, B'Nai Brith Women

1992 Doctorate of Laws, *honoris causa*, University of Winnipeg

Canada 125 Commemorative Medal, Government of Canada

1991 Canadian Who's Who

1988 '*Women on the Move*' Award, Toronto Sun Publishing

1985 *Order of Canada*, Government of Canada

1981 YWCA *Women of Distinction* - Special Citation for Constitutional Equality Work