



## **BEVERLEY MCLACHLIN**

Chief Justice McLachlin spent her formative years in Pincher Creek, Alberta and was educated at the University of Alberta, where she received an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy in 1965. She pursued her studies at the University of Alberta and, in 1968, received both a Master's of Arts in Philosophy and an LL.B. She was called to the Alberta Bar in 1969 where she practised law, after which she was called to the British Columbia Bar in 1971. Commencing in 1974, she taught in the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia. Chief Justice McLachlin's judicial career began in April 1981 when she was appointed to the Vancouver County Court. In September 1981, she was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia. She was elevated to the British Columbia Court of Appeal in December 1985 and was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in September 1988. In April 1989, she was sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. On January 7, 2000, she was appointed Chief Justice of Canada, the first woman to hold this position.