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OTTAWA LAWYER RECEIVES CBA PRESIDENT'S AWARD

OTTAWA - Brian Crane, of the Ottawa law firm Gowling, Strathy and Henderson, has been named the recipient of the 1997 Canadian Bar Association President's Award.

"He is perhaps the pre-eminent Supreme Court of Canada counsel in the country," said CBA President Russell W. Lusk, Q.C., of Vancouver, in announcing the decision. "In his quiet and unassuming manner, he has earned a reputation for his thoroughness and superior quality work."

A partner with Gowlings since 1967, Brian Crane's practice is dedicated to international, constitutional and administrative law matters before the Supreme Court and the Federal Court of Canada. A frequent lecturer, Mr. Crane is an authority on defence policy, commercial arbitration, constitutional procedure and Aboriginal land claims.

Called to the Ontario Bar in 1962, Mr. Crane has been a dedicated volunteer to a number of community and professional organizations. Active in the Canadian Bar Association for over 20 years, he has held several executive positions including chair of the CBA's Supreme Court Liaison Committee, chair of CBA special committees on the appointment of judges, parliamentary reform and most recently, chair of the Implementation Committee of the CBA Systems of Civil Justice Task Force.

Other organizations he has served include the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, the Ontario Advocates Society, the International Commission of Jurists, the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

The President's Award recognizes outstanding achievement in the areas of legal proficiency, legal scholarship, the legal profession, the law, the CBA and public life. The Award will be presented at the Council luncheon on Saturday, August 23, at the Ottawa Congress Centre. The event is open to accredited journalists who have registered with the CBA Media Centre (Ottawa Congress Centre, Capital Hall 2B; tel.: 613-563-9409/0653).

The Canadian Bar Association is dedicated to improvement in the law and the administration of justice. Some 34,000 lawyers, judges, notaries, law teachers, and law students from across Canada are members.

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