

STEPHEN HANSON WINS 1998 CBA PRESIDENT'S AWARD

OTTAWA - The Senior Director of Communications for the Canadian Bar Association, Stephen Hanson, has won the the 1998 President's Award.

A 21-year veteran with the CBA, Stephen Hanson received the award at the Council lunch on Aug. 22, during the CBA Annual Conference in St. John's. A well-kept secret by the Table Officers, the award completely surprised not only the audience but the winner himself, and was spontaneously greeted with a standing ovation.

"Stephen brings new meaning to the word 'commitment' and to the term 'quality service'," said then President P. André Gervais, QC, in presenting the award. "For over two decades he has set the CBA standard for what I like to think of as the three i's - innovation, involvement and integrity."

André Gervais described two from among the many highlights of Stephen's career: the innovative Law and the Media program in which he organized a travelling road show of CBA members to teach the media more about the law; and the creation of CBANET, an online legal research service in which he showed his foresight in recognizing the potential of information technology.

As Communications director, Stephen Hanson helped the CBA to become an effective voice for Canadian jurists. "His equal commitment to both the National and Branch mandates of the CBA has done much to strengthen the CBA's image and voice across Canada," added Mr. Gervais.

Stephen Hanson joins a group of legal luminaries wh are previous winners of the President's Award including Judge Maxwell Cohen, Me Yves Fortier, the Right Honourable Brian Dickson and former Treasurer, Dennis Maher.

Stephen Hanson is a Montréaler who graduated from the University of New Brunswick in 1966 and the University of Moncton in 1969. He worked for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in radio and television news for 8 years producing both regional and national reports. He has been with the Canadian Bar Association since 1976. Stephen holds the Governor General's Commemorative Medal celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation.

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