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THOMAS G. HEINTZMAN WINS 1999 CBA PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Edmonton - Thomas G. Heintzman, Q.C., a partner with the Toronto firm of McCarthy Tétrault, has been awarded the 1999 Canadian Bar Association President's Award.

In making the announcement, CBA President Barry L. Gorlick, Q.C., of Winnipeg said, "Tom Heintzman has rendered yeoman's service to the Canadian Bar Association. He was the originator of the Systems of Civil Justice Reform initiative which has led to streamlining of the civil justice system across Canada. He fought for an inclusiveness at the CBA - a policy which has led to recommendations on racial equality in the legal profession. A past president of the CBA, his contributions are capped by his sterling performance as chair of the International Practice of Law Committee, which produced the CBA's watershed report on multi-disciplinary practice."

Born in Toronto, Tom Heintzman received his B.A. from Harvard University in 1962 and his LL.B. from both Osgoode Hall in 1966 and from the University of London, England in 1967. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1968, to the Newfoundland Bar in 1977, and to the Alberta Bar in 1990. He was named Queen's Counsel in 1980.

A partner with McCarthy Tétrault, Tom Heintzman's specialties include commercial and environmental litigation, class actions, securities and telecommunications. He has appeared before the courts of numerous provinces and at the Supreme Court of Canada.

"His legal work has earned him the respect of his profession as a man of immense talent and unwavering ethical standards," added Barry Gorlick.

To be eligible for the award, a candidate must meet at least one of the following criteria: made a significant contribution to the legal profession; made a significant contribution to the Canadian Bar Association; or made a noteworthy contribution to the public life of Canada.

The Canadian Bar Association is dedicated to improvement in the law and the administration of justice. Some 36,000 lawyers, notaries, law teachers and law students from across Canada are members.

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