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Justice Carlton William Clement

(1907-1999)

Practicing law was a Clement family tradition, and even though Justice Carlton Clement's father was a businessman, Justice Carlton Clement was well supported in his pursuit of a career in law, a career in which he committed himself to practicing for over 60 years.

Justice Carlton William Clement was born in Waterloo, Ontario in 1907. The family moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1913 and Justice Clement attended St. John's College, and later enrolled at the University of Manitoba. He spent two years enrolled in sciences until the family moved to Edmonton, Alberta in 1925. He then enrolled at the University of Alberta, changing his discipline to arts. He received his law degree in 1928 and a bachelor of laws in 1931.

Almost immediately after spending years as a student, Justice Clement was admitted to the Alberta bar on April 12, 1932. At this time, in the heart of the depression, Justice Clement went to Peace River and practiced law for two years. The humble beginnings of trading law services for food and other necessities shaped Justice Clement's practice.

Justice Clement arrived back in Edmonton and became a senior partner at the firm of Clement, Parlee, Irving, Mustard and Rodney. In 1942, Justice Clement also lectured insurance law at the University of Alberta for three consecutive years. In addition to his teaching responsibilities during 1942, he was also appointed to King's Counsel and in 1970, he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Alberta.

By 1970, Justice Clement had been practicing law for 38 years. In 1959, he served as president of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce and in 1968 he served as president of the Alberta Law Society. He was also president of the Edmonton bar Association, director of the Alberta Chamber of Mines, director of the Bohemian Maid Brewing Company, and he served on the advisory board of the National Trust. Justice Clement was also instrumental in the selection of Canada's first ombudsman.

Justice Carlton William Clement retired from the Court of Appeal in 1982 but continued to serve as a deputy judge with the Federal Court of Appeals. He lectured again at the University of Alberta in 1983 for three consecutive years when he was appointed as lecturer in professional responsibility. He officially retired from the practiced of law on May 31, 1994. He passed away on December 27, 1999.

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