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RECENT GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

HON. VIC TOEWS APPOINTED MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday announced the appointment of Vic Toews as Minister of Public Safety. The Board of Directors of CAPB had the opportunity to meet with Minister Toews when he was Minister of Justice and they now look forward to working with the Minister to improve police governance in Canada and bring about change that will enhance public safety for all Canadians.

Vic Toews was first elected to the House of Commons in 2000 and re-elected in 2004, 2006 and 2008. In February 2006, Mr. Toews was appointed Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and in January 2007, was named President of the Treasury Board.



Prior to his election to the House of Commons, Mr. Toews was active in Manitoba provincial politics. In 1995, he was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Rossmere and shortly thereafter, he was appointed Minister of Labour. From 1997 until September 1999, he served as the Attorney General and Minister of Justice for the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. Toews practised law with the Manitoba provincial Department of Justice from 1976 to 1991. In 1987, Mr. Toews was appointed Director of Constitutional Law for the Province of Manitoba. He acted as legal counsel to the Premier of Manitoba at the Meech Lake Accord discussions in 1990. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1991.

Mr. Toews graduated from the University of Winnipeg and received his law degree from the University of Manitoba.

IAN MCPHAIL APPOINTED AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE RCMP

On January 18, 2010, the Minister of Public Safety announced the appointment of Mr. Ian McPhail as Vice-Chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (CPC) for a period of one year. Mr. McPhail will also serve as interim Chair of the Commission.

Mr. McPhail, originally of Port Alberni, British Columbia, established McPhail Law in Toronto in 1972. He was appointed a federal Queen's Counsel in 1992. In 1999, he put his private practice on hold to serve on the boards of various organizations where he worked to protect the public interest.

"Mr. McPhail will play an important role in the months ahead as our government moves towards reforming oversight of the RCMP. We are committed to progress that achieves real results, and effective oversight which will help ensure our national police force continues to become a stronger, more modern organization."

Ian D.C. McPhail, Q.C.

Ian McPhail established McPhail Law in 1972. He attended Bishop's University in Quebec for his Bachelor of Arts degree and accomplished his Bachelor of Laws degree at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. He was appointed a federal Queen's Counsel in 1992.

In 1999 Ian put his private practice on hold to serve on the boards of various organizations where he worked to protect the public interest. He has served as Chair of the Environmental Review Tribunal, Chair of the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario, and Acting Chair of the Ontario Educational Communications Authority (TV Ontario). Among his many community activities, Ian took on the positions of Vice-President of the Toronto Chinese Community Services Association, and President of the Cabbagetown South Community Association.

He was a recipient of the Ontario Bicentennial Medal as recognition of his achievements.

Ian returned to his private law practice in 2004, which now holds a special emphasis on personal legal issues, including real estate, wills and estate planning and administration, and business issues.