



## **Donald M. McRae**

2003 Read Medal Recipient

*LL.B. (Otago), LL.M. (Otago), Dipl.Int.Law (Cant.), F.R.C.S.*

Donald McRae specializes in the field of international law and has been an Advisor for Canada in several international fisheries and boundary arbitrations. He was Chair of the first dispute settlement panel set up under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, and has sat on subsequent panels. He was also Chair of the first dispute settlement panel set up under the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement. He is currently on the roster of panelists for NAFTA and the World Trade Organization. In 1988, he was appointed the Chief Negotiator for Canada for the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Professor McRae currently holds the Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law and is a former Dean of the Common Law Section at the University of Ottawa. He was a Professor, Visiting Lecturer and Associate Dean at the Universities of Otago, N.Z., Western Ontario, British Columbia, Cambridge, Hebei, China, Windsor, and Houston Law School Summer Program, Mexico City. Professor McRae served as President of the CCIL (1990-1992). His publications are principally in the field of International Law and he is Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Yearbook of International Law.

## **Gérard V. La Forest**

2001 Read Medal Recipient

*C.C., Q.C., B.C.L.(N.B.), B.A. (Oxford), M.A.(Oxford), LL.M. (Yale), J.S.D. (Yale), F.R.S.C.*

Gérard La Forest is a retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and currently a distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at the University of New Brunswick (1998 to date) and in private practice. He has been a Professor at the Universities of New Brunswick (1956-63), Alberta, where he was Dean of Law (1968-70), and Ottawa. Dr. La Forest served as Assistant Deputy Attorney-General of Canada, as a Commissioner on the Law Reform Commission (1974-1979), as a Justice of the New Brunswick Court of Appeal (1981-85) and then as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada (1985-97). He has written on international law, including "May the Provinces Legislate in Violation of International Law" (1961), one of the first treatments of the interplay of domestic and international law in Canada. The University of N.B. Law Library is named "The Gérard V. La Forest Library".

## Jean-Gabriel Castel

1999 Read Medal Recipient

*O.C., O.Q., Q.C., B.Sc., J.D. (Mich.), S.J.D. (Harv.), Lic. en droit (Paris), F.R.S.C.*

Jean-Gabriel Castel earned degrees at the universities of Paris, Michigan and Harvard. He joined the Faculty of Law at McGill University (1954-59) and then moved to the Osgoode Hall Law School (1959-1999), where he is still an active Professor Emeritus. Dr. Castel was the Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Bar Review (1957-84). He has received numerous honours, including a Queen's Counsel in Ontario, a Member of the Royal Society of Canada, an Officer of the Order of Canada, and a distinguished Research Professor at York University. He was also honoured by France, which has made him a Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur, an officer of the Ordre de Mérite and of the Palmes Académiques and an Associate Member of the Académie du Var. Dr. Castel has published 14 books, including the three-volume treatise "Canadian Conflict of Laws" and "International Law, chiefly as Interpreted and Applied in Canada", and over a hundred monographs and articles on the conflict of laws, establishing him as one of the world's leading scholars in the field of private and public international law. Dr. Castel was a founding member of the CCIL and a founding editor of the Canadian Yearbook of International Law.

## Leslie C. Green

1997 Read Medal Recipient

LESLIE C. GREEN, 1920 – 2011

*Order of Canada, CM; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada; LL.D. (London, UK), LL.D. (Hon. University of Alberta)*

Leslie C. Green, a Member of the Order of Canada and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, spent his life defending and advancing international law and developing humanitarian law for the greater protection of human rights during armed conflict.

He was born in London, England, in 1920, and graduated in law (first class honours) from the University of London in 1941. He was awarded the Joseph Hume Scholarship in Jurisprudence and the Cecil Peace Prize. He received an academic LL.D. from that University in 1976.

From 1941-46 he served in the British Army, first as a Japanese translator and then as Deputy Military Prosecutor at GHQ, India, retiring in 1946 with the rank of Major. From 1946-60 he was Lecturer in law at the University of London and from 1960-65 was Professor of International Law at the University of Singapore, and also served a term as Dean of the Faculty of Law. He came to Canada in 1965 as Professor of Political Science at the University of Alberta, receiving the title of University Professor in 1969, and Honorary Professor of Law in 1985. He retired as University Professor Emeritus in 1991.

In 1974-5 he was Academic in Residence at the Legal Department of the Canadian Department of External Affairs, Canada; from 1975-77 Legal Adviser to the Canadian delegation at the Diplomatic Conference on Humanitarian Law, Geneva, which produced the 1977 Protocols; from 1979-80 Academic in Residence at the Department of the Judge Advocate General, Ottawa, responsible for

the first draft of a Canadian Manual of Armed Conflict; and from 1989-95 was a Canadian member of the Committee of Experts on Naval Warfare responsible for the San Remo Manual.

He consulted to various governments; was a Visiting Professor at Kyung Hee University, Seoul, Korea, and at the University of Denver College of Law; and from 1996-98 he was Stockton Professor of International Law at the US Naval War College, the first non-American to hold that Chair. In 2000 the College published a volume of essays, *International Law across the Spectrum of Conflict*, in his honour.

In 2012 The Judge Advocate General Award was renamed the Leslie C. Green Award in his honour. In 2013 the inaugural recipient of the Canadian Council on International Law's Leslie C. Green Veteran's Scholarship was announced.

Leslie Green's major published works include: "Superior Orders in National and International Law", 1976; "Essays on the Modern Law of War", 2nd ed. 1998; "The Contemporary Law of Armed Conflict", 3rd ed. 2008, and the "Canadian Manual of Armed Conflict Law", 2000.

## **Léonard H. J. Legault**

1997 Read Medal Recipient

*O.C., Q.C., B.A.(Sask.), LL.B.(Sask.)*

Léonard H. Legault joined the Department of External Affairs in 1961 and served in Ottawa, Warsaw, New Delhi and Geneva (1962-73). He served as the Director General of the Legal Bureau and Legal Advisor for the Department of External Affairs (1979-80) and was Assistant Deputy Minister (1986). Mr. Legault served as Director General of the International Fisheries and Marine Directorate (1973-77). He has served as Canada's Ambassador and High Commissioner to Nigeria, Sierra Leone and the Holy See, as Deputy Advisor at the Embassy in Washington and as Ambassador and as Agent for Canada before the International Court of Justice in the Gulf of Maine boundary case, Canada-US, (1982-84). Mr. Legault has represented Canada in numerous international negotiations, including as Co-ordinator for External Affairs during the Free Trade Agreement negotiations (1990-93), as the Canadian Representative to the UN Commission on Human Rights, Geneva (1994-97), as the Chairman of the Canadian Section of the International Joint Commission (1997-01) and as a Member in the arbitration between Newfoundland & Labrador and Nova Scotia concerning the limits of their offshore areas (2001-2002). He received the Public Service of Canada Merit Award in 1978 and became an Officer of the Order of Canada (1987).

## **Thomas Franck**

1994 Read Medal Recipient

*B.A., LL.B. (UBC), LL.M. (Harvard), S.J.D. (Harvard)*

A leader in the field of International law, Professor Franck earned his law degrees in Canada and joined the faculty of the New York University School of Law in 1960. The Director of the Center

for International Studies from 1965 to 2002, he is currently the Murray and Ida Becker Professor of Law Emeritus. He served as Director of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace/International Law Program (1973-79). He has also undertaken visiting professorships at Stanford Law School, University of East Africa, York University, Princeton (Woodrow Wilson School), and The Hague Academy of International Law. Professor Franck acted as Legal Advisor or Counsel to a number of foreign governments, including Kenya, El Salvador, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Serving as an Advocate before the International Court of Justice, he successfully represented Chad and represented Bosnia in a suit brought against Serbia under the Genocide Convention. He served on the Department of State Advisory Committee on international Law (1986-93). Professor Franck is the author or co-author of over 20 books, including "The Empowered Self: Law and Society in the Age of Individualism", and "Resignation in Protest" (co-author), for which he received the Christopher Medal, and is a two-time Guggenheim Fellowship winner.

## **Donat Pharand**

1989 Read Medal Recipient

*O.C., Q.C./C.R., LL.B.(Dal.), LL.M. (Dal.), LL.D. (Paris), LL.M. (Mich.), S.J.D. (Mich.), LL.D.h.c. (Dal.), F.R.S.C./M.S.R.C.*

Donat Pharand is a Professor of Law Emeritus of the University of Ottawa, joining the Common Law Section of the Faculty in 1959 after three years in general practice in Ottawa. He lectured at The Hague Academy of International Law, from which he had obtained the Diploma in 1955, and was a guest lecturer at several universities. Professor Pharand is the author of numerous publications, mostly on the law of the sea and the Arctic regions. He received the Staff Research Lectureship Award from the University of Ottawa in 1974 and the Staff Teaching Award in 1988. Professor Pharand was a founding member of the Canadian Council on International Law and served as its President from 1976 to 1978. He is now an Honourary Life Member of the Council.

## **Ronald St. John Macdonald**

1988 Read Medal Recipient

*C.C., Q.C., B.A. (St. FX), LL.B. (Dal.), LL.M. (London), LL.M. (Harvard), LL.D.(h.c McGill, Dal. Carl., St. FX)*

Ronald Macdonald was educated in Canada, England and the United States and taught at Osgoode Hall Law School, the University of Western Ontario, the University of Toronto, where he served as Dean (1962-72) and at Dalhousie where he was also Dean (1972-79). Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Dr. Macdonald's expertise in the area of protection of human rights culminated in his election as the only non-European judge of the European Court of Human Rights (1980-99). Dr. Macdonald served as a Canadian representative and advisor at the UN, including at the Conference on Human Rights, Tehran (1968), at the International Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, as member (1972-76) and Vice-Chairman (1974-75), and as the Special Advisor to the Republic of Cyprus (1975). He lectured at The Hague Academy of International Law and in 1980 was the first visiting professor of international law at Peking University. Dr. Macdonald is a Queen's Counsel (since 1968) and Officer of the Order of Canada (1984). He is the founding President of the

Canadian Council on International Law and is its Honourary President. He was President of the World Academy of Arts and Science (1983-1987). In 1999, Dr. Macdonald received the prestigious Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award of Law, a Canadian Bar Association award recognizing outstanding contributions to the law and legal scholarship in Canada.

## **Charles Bourne**

1986 Read Medal Recipient

*B.A. (Toronto), LL.M. (Cambridge), S.J.D. (Harvard), F.R.S.C.*

Charles Bourne served as an Associate and/or Full Professor of Law at the Universities of British Columbia (1950-1986) and Saskatchewan (1947-50). He served as the Academicin-Residence with the Legal Bureau for the Department of External Affairs (1971-72). Professor Bourne served as a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague (1978-84). He authored numerous articles, including International Water Law (1997), and served as Editor-in-Chief for The Canadian Yearbook of International Law (1962-93). Professor Bourne served as the President of the CCIL (1978-80) and is an Honorary Life Member of the CCIL. He was the Chairman on the International Law Association Committee on International Water Resources Law (1990-2000).

## **Myres McDougal**

1985 Read Medal Recipient

*B.A.(Miss.), M.A.(Miss.), LL.B.(Miss.), B.C.L.(Oxford)*

A renowned authority on international law, Professor McDougal founded, along with political scientist Harold Lasswell, the New Haven School of Jurisprudence, a policyscience approach to the study of law that conceives of law not as a body of rules, but as a process of decision. In his view, the challenge was to develop and apply an approach to the study and practice of law as that law could contribute to the achievement of a public order respectful of human dignity. He earned degrees at the University of Mississippi and Yale and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. Professor McDougal, was Sterling Professor Emeritus of Law, and was a respected and popular teacher at Yale Law School for five decades and then at the New York Law School. He produced, with his students, six major treatises on international issues, including the law of the sea, the law of outer space, the law of war and the law of human rights. Professor McDougal and Mr. Lasswell published "Legal Education and Public Policy", a fundamental and path-breaking work in its field (1943). He also served as President of the American Society of International Law (1958) and the Association of American Law Schools (1966).

## **Charles Rousseau**

1984 Read Medal Recipient

Charles Rousseau was a leading architect of the French tradition of international law, devoting his life to the holistic treatment and development of public international law. He served as a Professor of International, Constitutional and Administrative Law at the University of Paris. Professor Rousseau was considered an outstanding jurist and became one of the primary references for generations of students of international law. He was committed to the search for orderly processes for international organization and the peaceful settlement of international disputes. As Editor of *Revue Générale de Droit International Public*, he has provided illumination on every major development of contemporary international law.

## **Marcel Cadieux**

1981 Read Medal Recipient (posthumously)

*Q.C., O.C., B.A., LL.L. (Montreal)*

Marcel Cadieux served in the Department of External Affairs for over 40 years, including as Legal Advisor and Under-Secretary of State (1964-1970) and as Canada's first francophone Ambassador to the United States (1970-75). Mr. Cadieux was an efficient administrator and uncompromising federalist, pressing for a department and a foreign policy that would reflect Canada's bicultural origins. He wrote "The Canadian Diplomat: An Essay in Definition", a pioneering work for aspiring diplomats (1963). Mr. Cadieux headed the Canadian Mission to the EEC (1975-77) and was the chief negotiator for Canada-US fisheries and boundary disputes (1977-79). The Canadian Institute of International Affairs presents the annual Marcel Cadieux Distinguished Writing Award in recognition of the author of the best article on Canadian foreign policy to appear in the "International Journal".

## **Maxwell Cohen**

1979 Read Medal Recipient

*O.C., Q.C., B.A. (Manitoba), LL.B. (Manitoba), LL.M. (Northwestern)*

Maxwell Cohen was the first full-time Jewish member of McGill University's Law Faculty and Canada's first Jewish Dean of Law. He was an expert on Constitutional Law, was Chairman of the Canadian Jewish Select Committee on the Constitution and Chairman of a Federal Commission on Hate Literature. Professor Cohen served as Chairman on numerous political and legal committees, including the Special Committee on Hate Propaganda (1965-66), Royal Commission on Labour Relations in Newfoundland (1969-72), Marine and Environmental conferences with the Department of External Affairs (1972-74) and the Canada-U.S. International Joint Commission (1974-79). McGill University established the Maxwell Cohen Award for high achievement in the advanced study of international law.

## **Norman MacKenzie**

1975 Read Medal Recipient

*C.C., C.M.G., M.M., Q.C., C.D., B.A.(Dal.), LL.B.(Dal.), LL.M.(Harvard), D.C.L., LL.D.(London), F.R.S.C.*

Norman MacKenzie was a Professor of International Law and Canadian Constitutional Law at the Universities of Toronto and British Columbia. He was President of the Universities of New Brunswick (1940-44) and British Columbia (1944-62) where he promoted the establishment of a first-class law school. He was also President of the National Confederation of Canadian Universities (1946-1948). Professor MacKenzie was a legal advisor at the International Labour Office in Geneva (1927-29). He acted as Delegate for the Institute of Pacific Relations Conferences and the British Commonwealth Conferences. Professor MacKenzie served on numerous political, legal and academic bodies, including the Senate (1966-1969), as President of the Canadian Institute on Public Affairs (1963-64) and as one of the inspired organizers of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. Professor MacKenzie was also actively involved in the sponsoring and firm establishment of the Canadian Yearbook of International Law.

## **John P. Humphrey**

1973 Read Medal Recipient

*O.C., O.Q., B.A. (Mount Allison), LL.B. (McGill), Ph.D. (Paris)*

John P. Humphrey, after practicing law, became a Professor at McGill University and lectured at the Universities of Yale, Western Ontario and Toronto. In 1946, Professor Humphrey was appointed as the first Director of the Human Rights Division in the UN Secretariat, where he was the Principal Drafter of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He remained with the UN for 20 years, and during this period he oversaw the implementation of 67 international conventions and the constitutions of dozens of countries. In 1988, on the 40th anniversary of the Declaration, Professor Humphrey was awarded the UN's Human Rights Award. He retired from the UN in 1966 and resumed his teaching career at McGill University. Professor Humphrey remained active in the promotion of human rights in Canada and internationally, including participating in international commissions of inquiry, until his death in March 1995. He worked as a Director of the International League for Human Rights and served as a Member of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. He was part of the team that launched Amnesty International Canada and, with colleagues from McGill, was instrumental in creating the Canadian Human Rights Foundation. Among his many honours, Professor Humphrey was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1974, "in recognition of his contributions to legal scholarship and his world-wide reputation in the field of human rights."

Following his death, Professor Humphrey left a generous bequest to the CCIL, forming the basis for the [John Peters Humphrey Fellowships](#).

**John E. Read, after whom the medal is named, received the first medal. A second medal was presented to Percy E. Corbett by Prof. Read at the First Annual Conference of the CCIL.**

## **Percy E. Corbett**

1972 Read Medal Recipient

*B.A. (McGill), B.A.(Oxford), M.A. (McGill),  
M.A. (Oxford)*

Percy E. Corbett was an international law scholar. He received the Military Cross during WWI. In 1943, he went to Yale University as a Professor of Government and Jurisprudence Professor of Law and became Professor Emeritus (1958). He joined the Center for International Studies at Princeton (1951) and lectured at The Hague, California and New Delhi. Professor Corbett was influential throughout Canada in improving legal education, redefining the university's role in the postwar world and in developing the science of international law in Canada. He was active in challenging the injustices of the national as well as the international political and economic systems of the day. He wrote numerous articles and books, including "Law and Society in the Relations of States", "The Growth of World Law" and, with C.B. Joynt, "Theory and Reality in World Politics". Mr. Corbett was widely recognized as one of Canada's greatest international law scholars and an innovative thinker.



John E. Read and Percy E. Corbett  
1972

## **John Erskine Read**

1972 Read Medal Recipient

*O.C., Q.C., Rhodes Scholar (Columbia University), B.A., B.C.L. (University College, Oxford)*

Professor Read was a Rhodes Scholar and a Professor and Dean of Law at Dalhousie University in the 1920s. He served as the first Legal Advisor of the Department of External Affairs and rose to be Deputy Undersecretary of State (1928-46). Professor Read was a major contributor to the doctrine of the divisibility of the Crown and seized on opportunities to extend Canada's legal independence. He was an expert in constitutional and international law and wrote "The Origins and Nature of the Law" (1955) and "The Rule of Law on the International Plane" (1961). He served as a Judge of the International Court of Justice at The Hague (1946-58). In 1967, he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada "for his services in the profession of law".



John E. Read  
1972

Dean Ronald St. John Macdonald (right) and then President of the CCIL presenting the first John E. Read Medal to John E. Read (left) on October 13, 1972 during the First Annual Conference of the CCIL in Ottawa

*\*\*All biographical sketches are current to the date at which the Read Medal was awarded and do not reference events that post-date that time.*