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Press Release re: Former Ontario Premier Bob Rae to receive the TLA Award of Distinction

The Board of Trustees of the Toronto Lawyers Association (“TLA”) is pleased to announce that the 2014 recipient of the TLA Award of Distinction will be The Honourable Bob Rae, [PC](#), [QC](#), [OOnt](#), [QC](#), former Premier of Ontario, and former Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada.

Mr. Rae is recognized for his outstanding contribution to the Toronto legal community, and his lifelong efforts to develop and improve the laws and well-being of the people of Toronto, of Ontario and of Canada. Currently, Mr. Rae is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Toronto. He is also chief negotiator and counsel for Mattawa First Nations in the ongoing talks surrounding the development of the Ring of Fire. In addition to being an MP, MPP, Premier of Ontario and Interim Leader of the federal Liberal Party, Mr Rae was a partner in Goodmans LLP. His forty year career has seen both political achievements and public service. During his years practicing law, Mr. Rae was special advisor to the Canadian Minister of Public Safety on the Air India bombing and completed a review of Ontario’s post-secondary schools at the request of the Ontario government. He was appointed to the Privy Council for Canada in 1998 and was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2000 and an Officer of the Order of Ontario in 2004.

The TLA Award of Distinction is awarded annually in recognition of the recipient’s contribution to the integrity and worth of the law, and to the legal profession. The recipient is chosen annually by the TLA Board of Trustees.

The award will be presented to Mr. Rae at the association’s annual TLA Awards of Distinction Reception February 20th, 2014.

For a full list of past recipients, please see our [Past Awards of Distinction](#) webpage.

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