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Press Release re: **Chief Justice George Strathy to receive the 2016 Award of Distinction from the Toronto Lawyers Association**

The TLA Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Chief Justice George Strathy will be awarded the TLA's 2016 Award of Distinction.

By conferring its Award of Distinction on Chief Justice Strathy, the TLA recognizes Chief Justice Strathy's outstanding contributions to the legal profession and to the Toronto legal community over the course of his distinguished career.

Chief Justice Strathy, in his time on the judiciary and at the bar, has contributed immensely to the legal profession. He has earned a distinguished reputation amongst his peers.

Chief Justice Strathy was a gold medalist at the University of Toronto. As a young lawyer, he was heavily involved with the Ontario Bar Association and Canadian Bar Association as chair of the Young lawyers Division. He was instrumental in the founding of Law Day, through which elementary and high school students learn about justice. In private practice he was a respected civil litigator specializing in marine and transportation law, while finding time to do important pro bono work.

The Chief Justice was appointed in 2014 after serving on the Court of Appeal and for five years on the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, often hearing complex class actions.

The award will be presented to Chief Justice Strathy at the TLA's annual Awards of Distinction Reception to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Ritz-Carlton.

For a full list of past recipients, please see the [Awards Recipients](#) webpage.

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