

Honsberger Award

Ian M. Hull to be honoured with the 2018 Honsberger Award at the Toronto Lawyers' Association Awards of Distinction Reception on March 8, 2018 in Toronto.

Ian M. Hull, a co-founder of the firm Hull & Hull LLP and a mediator with his own practice through Hull Estate Mediation Inc. is this year's recipient of the Honsberger Award.

The Honsberger Award is presented annually to a member of the TLA in recognition of a single unique accomplishment or ongoing contributions to the legal community and the community at large, exemplifying the TLA's three pillars: Knowledge, Community and Advocacy.

For more than 12 years, Ian has been a generous supporter of the Lawyers Feed the Hungry Program, which is managed by the Law Society Foundation (founded in 1962). As Chair of the Board of Directors, he personifies the Foundation's mandate: to serve the public and the legal profession by encouraging and promoting legal education in Ontario; by preserving objects of historic significance to Canada's legal heritage and by reaching out to those in need through the Lawyers Feed the Hungry Program.

"Ian's dedication to the legal profession and his hard work and generosity on behalf of the Law Society Foundation makes him a role model for others within the profession and society in general," said Melanie Manchee, TLA Board President.

"He is living proof that running a successful law practice, sharing knowledge and mentoring within the profession and giving back to the community create a well-rounded and fulfilling life," she added.

The Law Society is proud to assist the Foundation in fulfilling its charitable mandate, and to help volunteer groups within Ontario's legal community deliver important hunger relief services.

Ian is a guest lecturer for the Canadian Bar Association, the Law Society of Upper Canada and Toronto Lawyers Association. He is also the author of numerous articles and has written four books on estate law issues: *Advising Families on Succession Planning: The High Price of Not Talking*, LexisNexis Canada (2005); *Power of Attorney Litigation*, CCH (2000); *Challenging the Validity of Wills*, Carswell (1994); and *Probate Practice* 4th and 5th Edition, Carswell (1996) (2016) (co-author).

Ian earned an LL.B. from the University of Windsor and an Honours B.A. from the University of Western Ontario and was called to the Bar in 1990. He is a Certified Specialist in Estates and Trusts Law and Civil Litigation, International Academy of Estate and Trust Law (Academician), a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a member of the National Executive of the Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners (STEP).