

DAVID LOUKIDELIS QC

Speaker Biography

David Loukidelis, QC was British Columbia's Information and Privacy Commissioner from 1999 to 2010. He was also Deputy Attorney General of British Columbia from 2010 to 2012.

He now provides expert advice to clients in, among other areas, privacy law, open government, lobbying, conflict of interest, public policy and administration, administrative law, and constitutional matters. In addition, in December of 2012 the Alberta Cabinet appointed him as Chair of Alberta's Law Enforcement Review Board, the independent civilian oversight tribunal for police conduct and discipline in Alberta.

David's involvement in privacy and access to information goes back more than 20 years. As Information and Privacy Commissioner, he issued hundreds of appeal decisions, investigation reports and policy papers. From 2004 to 2009, David participated actively on behalf of Canada in the negotiation and implementation of the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation organization's *APEC Privacy Framework*, a tool to protect personal information flowing across borders. He has also been a member of numerous advisory committees and working groups, including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Privacy Advisory Committee, and as Chair of the Website Working Group of the International Conference of Privacy and Data Protection Commissioners.

As Deputy Attorney General, David was accountable for British Columbia's criminal justice system, court administration services, policy development and legislation, and civil and constitutional litigation. His work as Deputy Attorney General gave him a deep understanding of how governments work and how public policy and laws are made. He regularly advised Cabinet, Cabinet committees and ministers on complex legal and constitutional matters. He also directed major civil justice reform work by the Ministry and developed close working relationships with the senior judiciary and external stakeholders. As a member of the Technology and Transformation Committee of Deputy Ministers, David contributed to plans to transform public service delivery through technology, and also contributed to major open government and open data initiatives.

David has taught privacy and freedom information law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Victoria and the law of restitution at the Faculty of Law of the University of British Columbia.

He has an MA in Medieval Studies from the University of Edinburgh, an LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School, and a BCL from the University of Oxford. He clerked for a justice of the Supreme Court of Canada before becoming a lawyer in British Columbia in 1985. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in British Columbia in 2010. David also became a member of the Bar of Alberta in 2012.