

CHIEF JUSTICE KLEBUC OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO BAYDA FAMILY

The legal community of Saskatchewan is saddened after having lost one of its longest serving leaders and pre-eminent jurists with the passing of the Honourable Edward Bayda, former Chief Justice of Saskatchewan.

Chief Justice Bayda was born in Alvena, Saskatchewan and spent his entire professional career in the Province. After a rewarding legal career which included twenty years of private practice, Edward Bayda was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench in 1972, elevated to the Court of Appeal in 1974 and installed as Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal in 1981. During the following 25 years he brought a high standard of excellence and performance to the Court and made a significant contribution to the administration of justice.

Current Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, John Klebuc, remarked, "Among his many learned judgments, former Chief Justice Bayda's interpretation and application of the Charter of Rights will serve as his living legacy. His judgments in this field perhaps best illustrate his depth of learning, rigour of mind, sense of justice and idealistic approach to the law.

Commenting on Justice Bayda's tireless dedication to local organizations, the legal profession and his church, Chief Justice Klebuc added, "Saskatchewan lost a great son, one whose life was dedicated to serving the law, the people and his community."

On behalf of the judges and staff of the Court of Appeal, Chief Justice Klebuc offers his condolences to the Bayda family on the passing of their esteemed family member.