

PROFESSOR KENT ROACH

Kent Roach is a Professor of Law at the University of Toronto where he holds the Prichard-Wilson Chair in Law and Public Policy. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and Yale and a former law clerk to Justice Bertha Wilson of the Supreme Court of Canada. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2002. His eleven books include *Constitutional Remedies in Canada* (winner of the 1997 Owen Prize for best law book), *Due Process and Victims' Rights: The New Law and Politics of Criminal Justice* (short-listed for the 1999 Donner Prize for best public policy book), *The Supreme Court on Trial: Judicial Activism or Democratic Dialogue* (short-listed for the 2001 Donner Prize), *September 11: Consequences for Canada* (named one of the five most significant books of 2003 by the *Literary Review of Canada*) and (with Robert J. Sharpe) *Brian Dickson: A Judge's Journey* (winner of the 2004 J.W. Dafoe Prize for best contribution to the understanding of Canada). Since 1998, Professor Roach has been editor-in-chief of the *Criminal Law Quarterly*.

Much of Professor Roach's current research is devoted to the study of comparative anti-terrorism law and his work on that subject has been published in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States. He served on the research advisory committee of the Commission of Inquiry into the Activities of Canadian Officials in Relation to Maher Arar and as research director (legal studies) to the Inquiry into the Bombing of Air India Flight 182. His monograph on the challenges of terrorism prosecutions was published as part of the Commission's research studies in 2010.

Professor Roach has frequently acted as counsel for interveners before the Supreme Court of Canada and the Courts of Appeal. He has appeared in many landmark cases including *R. v. Latimer* on mandatory sentences, *Dunedin Construction* and *Conway* on court of competent jurisdiction, *Ward v. British Columbia* on Charter damages, *Golden* on the constitutionality of strip searches, *Corbiere and Sauve* on the voting rights of Aboriginal people and *Williams, Gladue*, and *Wells* on the criminal justice and Aboriginal people. He received a Zeneith Award in 2010 in recognition of his pro bono work in these cases.

Professor Roach is also active in the Association in Defence of the Wrongfully Convicted and has taught a course on wrongful convictions for a number of years. In 2008, he was awarded a teaching award by the students at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. He was the Director of Research for the Goudge Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology and co-authored a book published in 2010 on miscarriages of justice and forensic science in Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom.