

Hon. Alexandre Deschênes

Hon. Alexandre Deschênes, Q.C., is a native of Kedgwick, N.B., and is married to Huguette (Savoie) Deschênes. They have two sons. He studied at Saint-Joseph University (now Université de Moncton) from 1960 to 1962, University of Ottawa from 1962-1965 (B.A.), and University of New Brunswick (LL.B., 1968). He was admitted to the Law Society of New Brunswick in 1968. He was legal counsel to the Department of Justice in Fredericton from 1968 to 1971. He was in private practice from 1972 to 1982 and specialized in civil litigation as a partner in the law firm of Michaud, Leblanc, Robichaud, and Deschênes. While residing in Shediac, N.B., he served on town council and became the first president of the South-East Economic Commission. He is a past president of the Richelieu Club in Shediac. In 1982, he was appointed as a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of New Brunswick and of the Court of Appeal of New Brunswick in 2000. On July 30, 2009, he was appointed to the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada. While on the Court of Appeal of New Brunswick, he was appointed President of the provincial Judicial Council and in

2012 Chairperson of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of New Brunswick for the 2015 federal election. He was appointed Conflict of Interest Commissioner in December 2016 and became New Brunswick's first Integrity Commissioner on September 1, 2017, with responsibility for lobbying, right to information and protection of privacy matters, and conflict of interest issues related to members of the Legislative Assembly.