



Bernard Richard

Following a career in social work, as Secretary General of the *Société Nationale de l'Acadie* and in the practice of law, Bernard Richard served as an MLA in New Brunswick from 1991 to 2003. During that time, he occupied several cabinet positions (Intergovernmental Affairs, Justice, Education and Social Policy Renewal). In opposition, he served as Interim Leader, Caucus Chair and House Leader.

In January 2004, Mr. Richard assumed the responsibilities of New Brunswick's 6th Ombudsman. In November 2006, Mr. Richard was appointed New Brunswick's first Child & Youth Advocate. He retired from both positions in March 2011.

He has been the recipient of several prizes and awards, most notably the *Léger-Comeau* Medal, the Order of Merit of the *Université de Moncton*, the Merit Award of the *Association des enseignantes et des enseignants francophones du NB*, the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation Award, a life membership of the international association of French-speaking Ombudsman, the UNB Alumni Award of Distinction, the Lieutenant Governor's Dialogue Award, appointment as a Kings Counsel, an Honorary PhD in law from Mount Allison University and the NB Human Rights Award. He was named a Trudeau Foundation Mentor in 2012.