

## Short Form Biography

Harriet Lewis, BA (Hon.), MA, LLB

Harriet Lewis completed both an Honours Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in English at York University in Toronto. She earned an LLB from the University of Toronto and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1977. After a number of years in private practice, Harriet returned to York in 1988 when she took up the post of University Counsel. In addition, in June 1998, Harriet was appointed University Secretary. As such, she served as the Secretary of the Board of Governors and several of its committees as well as the Secretary of Senate, its Executive Committee, and Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials. In her capacity as University Secretary and General Counsel, she was also a member of the University Executive Committee, the President Vice President Committee, and several other senior committees. The Office of the University Secretary and General Counsel had primary responsibility for the legal affairs of the University as well as the licensing of the University's names and marks, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office and the university's copyright compliance. Harriet has served as a member and as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Universities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange, and is a Past President of the Canadian Association of University Solicitors. She is past Chair of The Council of Ontario University Secretaries and of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Task Force of the Council of Ontario Universities. She has been a legal columnist for University Manager magazine. She was a member of the board of The York University Development Corporation, is currently President of the Board of the Psychology Foundation of Canada, and Vice President of The International Festival of Authors at Harbourfront. She has been a speaker and panelist at many legal and university conferences, and has acted as a consultant on university legal and governance matters. She was named as one of The Women's Executive Network, "Canada's Most Powerful Women Top 100" in 2010, and is a recipient of the Bryden Alumni Award from York University, and the John Hackett Award from the Canadian Association of University Solicitors.