

Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association Board of Directors 2014

Kelly Ernst

Kelly Ernst is the current President of the Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association. Kelly received his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, studying program evaluation and administration in human services, from the University of Calgary. He then completed the Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management program at Harvard Business School. He was Senior Program Director at the Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership. Previously he was also president of The Strategic Intelligence Alliance and was the Canadian Outcomes Research Institute's first President and CEO. He is the current Chairperson of the Basic Income Canada Network. He was a past board member and Secretary/Treasurer of the Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association.

Hal Joffe

Hal Joffe is the current Vice President. He has served on the board since its founding. He currently practices law in Calgary. Hal is active in dealing with various aspects of discrimination, Human Rights and Civil Liberties in Calgary and elsewhere since his early teens. Has been involved in and led a number of organizations locally and nationally addressing such issues. He has been a member of the Alberta Multiculturalism Commission Advisory Council. Hal was awarded the Suzanne Mah Award by the Alberta Human Rights Commission, the Alberta Centennial Medal and numerous other awards and recognitions.

Sharon Polsky

Sharon Polsky, MAPP, is President of AMINA Corp., president of the Privacy and Access Council of Canada, and Editor-in-Chief of *The Winston Report*, the foremost quarterly journal devoted to information access, privacy protection and data governance in Canada. She is frequently invited to speak at conferences about the privacy implications and unintended consequences of emerging laws, technologies and global trends upon individuals and organizations, and has presented submissions before the Canadian Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on privacy implications of proposed federal legislation; to the Information Commissioner of Canada addressing the modernization of federal privacy and access laws; and to Legislative committees about the privacy impacts of proposed provincial legislation. She helped define the Competency and Certification Standards for the profession, and has taught at organizations and post-secondary institutions since 2001. Her insights are sought after by mainstream media including CTV, CBC Radio, Montreal Gazette, Edmonton Journal, Canada.com, Calgary Sun, Corus Entertainment, and professionals journals including Canadian HR Reporter. Sharon was an Executive Member of the Canadian Bar Association Alberta Privacy and Access Law Section (2010-2012) and serves on several Board and national advisory committees, and was appointed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to be a Privacy by Design Ambassador.

Catherine Ford

Catherine Ford had a 40-year career on newspapers across Canada, retiring in 2004 as national columnist for the then-CanWest chain of newspapers, based at the Calgary Herald. Prior to that, she was Associate Editor of the Calgary Herald, editorial-page columnist and editorial writer. She was awarded a Southam Fellowship at the University of Toronto and subsequently worked for Southam News as the Ontario Correspondent, based in Toronto.

Ford is the winner of ten Western Ontario Newspaper Awards, including the Joan May Trophy for columnists; is a National Media Award winner for the Canadian Association for the Advancement for Women and Sports and holds an International Fire Fighters' media award.

Her non-fiction book, *Against The Grain: An Irreverent View of Alberta* was published in 2005. She is a former member of the board of directors of the National Conference of Editorial Writers, and a former member of the board of directors for Media Magazine.

In 2005, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Calgary and for a number of years taught a course on mass media. She received the 2006 Freedom of Expression award and the 2006 Bob Edwards Award.

She is a member of the board of directors of both the CanLearn Society and the RMCLA.

Linda McKay-Panos

Linda McKay-Panos is the Executive Director of the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre. She taught Language Arts and Social Studies with the Calgary Board of Education for 7 years before returning to university to obtain a Law Degree. She practiced law for a time, before joining the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre in 1992 as a Research Associate. Linda is a sessional instructor in the faculties of Law and Arts at the University of Calgary. Linda received her Bachelor of Education, Juris Doctor and Master of Laws degrees from the University of Calgary. Linda was called to the Alberta Bar in 1991.

Linda is the President Alberta Association for Multicultural Education and the Past President of the Public Legal Education Network of Alberta. Linda is the author of several publications dealing with civil liberties, access to information, human rights, discrimination, equality and related topics. Linda received the 2001 Suzanne Mah Award and an Alberta Centennial Medal in 2005 for her work in human rights in Alberta.

Gillian Steward

Gillian Steward previously served as President of the Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association. She is a Calgary author and journalist. She currently writes a regular

column for the Toronto Star, teaches journalism at Mount Royal University, and is a PhD candidate in communication studies. She was the managing editor at The Calgary Herald from 1987 to 1990 and publisher/editor of Alberta Views Magazine 2006/2007. Gillian was a monitor for Alberta Civil Liberties and Amnesty International, which combined forces to organize the first monitoring project of its kind in Canada for public demonstrations in connection with the G8 meetings in Calgary in 2002.

Adriana Tulissi

Adriana Tulissi completed her M.A. in History of Christianity at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO, having also graduated from the University of Calgary with a B.A. in Religious Studies and a B.A. in Communications and a minor in Management. She has over 10 years experience in the hospitality industry in the areas of Human Resources, Payroll and Accounting. Adriana is currently the Community Engagement Manager in the SU Wellness Centre at the University of Calgary, working in the areas of the Faith & Spirituality Centre, Health Promotion, Community Helpers Program and Marketing & Communications.

Adriana was the Chair of Knox Centre, an adult education and spiritual development committee of Knox United Church. She is currently a Board Member with the Calgary Centre for Equity, Culture and Diversity and volunteered with Immigrant Services Calgary mentoring professional immigrant women. Her areas of interest include inter-religious dialogue, duty to accommodate and human rights, harmonizing religious minorities in the workplace and advocating for students. Adriana recently presented an academic paper at the Regional AAR on the applicability of the Taylor-Bouchard Commission in Quebec to Alberta and British Columbia and the effects this poses to the formation of Canadian identity.

In her spare time, Adriana enjoys listening to music, photography, reading, watching foreign and independent film and travelling.