

Chief Judge Gerald T. G. Seniuk



SUMMARY of attached Curriculum Vitae

Chief Judge Gerald Seniuk was appointed a Judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan in 1977 and appointed Chief Judge as of January 1, 2001. He was born and raised in Saskatoon, and married Jeralyn (nee Steedman), also of Saskatoon, in 1969. They have two sons.

Chief Judge Seniuk has been active in judicial organizations, serving executive positions provincially and nationally, and has also contributed to judicial education programs provincially, nationally and internationally. He has published articles on a wide range of judicial topics in various Canadian legal periodicals and journals. He developed a program on Judicial Fact Finding that has been used by judicial educators in Canada and other Commonwealth countries.

Chief Judge Seniuk has also been involved in furthering judicial independence both in Canada and internationally through his published articles, video productions and educational programs. Through the office of the Federal Commissioner for Judicial Affairs he has acted as a judicial consultant to the Canada-Ukraine Judicial Independence project. He has worked with others to improve access to court related services through a process of judicial research and development, some of which involving First Nations and other communities.

The full CV, current to the date shown, is as follows:

Updated to October 2007

CURRICULUM VITAE

Gerald Terry George Seniuk Provincial Court Judge

PERSONAL

MARRIED TO
CHILDREN

- Jeralyn
- Andrew and Mark

EDUCATIONAL

EDUCATION

- B.A. (1967) University of Saskatchewan
- LL.B. (1969) University of Saskatchewan

PROFESSIONAL

PRESENT POSITION
APPOINTMENTS

- Chief Judge, Provincial Court of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Bar, 1970
- Provincial Court of Saskatchewan, 1977
- Chief Judge, 2001

MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Canadian Bar Association
- Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judges Association
- Canadian Assoc. Of Provincial Court Judges
- Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice

OFFICES

- President, Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judges Association ('93-'94)
- Executive Member, SPCJA ('90-'93)
- Executive Member, Canadian Assoc. Of Provincial Court Judges ('93-'94)

- Public Relations Officer, CAPCJ ('94-'98)
- Chair or member of various judicial committees. Primarily relating to education and independence matters.
- Editorial Board, CBA Magazine, "National"

OTHER RELATED

- Journalist (Globe & Mail; Tribune; Star-Phoenix)
- Advanced training in educational workshop techniques (College of Education, U of S)
- Special training in adult educational techniques (Western Judicial Education Centre)
- Second language - Ukrainian

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS, MONOGRAPHS

1. *Fact Finding and the Judiciary* (1996, Commonwealth of Learning)
 - Monograph, co-authored with Dr. John Yuille
2. Contributed an article to *Canada's Trial Courts: Two Tiers or One?*, edited by Peter H. Russell. Published by University of Toronto Press, forthcoming.

JOURNALS

1. *Judicial Fact Finding and a Theory of Credit* (1992) 56 Sask. L. Rev, 79
 - Reprinted in both official languages in (1994) 18 Provincial Judges Journal - No. 3 at 80
2. *Judicial Fact Finding and Contradictory Witnesses* (1994) 37 C.L.Q. 70
3. *Two Puzzles of Juridical Proof* (1997) 76 Can. Bar Rev. 65
 - Co-authored with Prof. Ronald J. Allen
4. *Restraining Judges, Jailers and Offenders* (1997) 2 Can. Crim. L.R. 1
5. *Judicial Independence and the Supreme Court of Canada* (1998) 77 Can. Bar Rev. 381
6. *Liars, Scoundrels and the Search for Truth* (2000) 30 C.R. (5th) 201
7. *The Supreme Court of Canada and the Provincial Court in Canada* (2000) 79 Can. Bar Rev. 77
 - Co-authored with Prof. Noel Lyon
8. *Reasons and the Bounds of Rationality* (2002) 4 C.R. (6th) 11
9. *The House of Justice* (2003) 48 Criminal Law Quarterly 126
 - Co-authored with Prof. John Borrows

BOOK REVIEWS

1. *Reasoning with the Charter* (1992) 14 Dalhousie L.J. 560

VIDEOS

1. *Competing Stereotypes* (1991, Battlefords Cable. North Battleford)
2. *Judicial Independence - Canada 1996* (1996, Allyssa Studios. North Battleford)
3. *Judicial Ethics - Workshop Vignettes* (1998, Allyssa Studios)
4. *Judicial Independence - Snippets* (1999, DAZZ Studios, Saskatoon)
5. *Judicial Independence Education Kit (with accompanying videos)*
 - co-produced with Judge David Arnot for the Judges' Forum - Canadian Bar Association: Issued August 2000

OTHER

1. -*Just The Facts Please* (1994) CBA Magazine *NATIONAL* August Vol.3 No.6
-*Supreme Court of Canada on Judicial Independence*, May 1998, Vol.7 No.3
2. *Judicial Fact Finding Workshop* (1994) National Judicial Institute Bulletin
3. Various columns, book reviews, commentary in professional newsletters, magazines or journals.
4. Judicial editorial coordinator for the "From the Bench" Column in the CBA Magazine *NATIONAL* (1993-present)

PROFESSIONAL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

1. Co-Chair and Organizer, *Seminar on Racial, Cultural and Ethnic Equity*, Western Judicial Education Centre, Saskatoon, June 1992.
2. Planning Committee member (and co-chair Sask.) for the Western Provincial and Northern Territorial Judges' *Congress 1993*, Victoria, March, 1993.
3. Organizer and presenter of Credibility Assessment and Fact Finding educational sessions of the Annual Meeting, Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges, Regina, September, 1992.
4. Project Director, The Saskatchewan Judges Fact Finding Project, a multi-disciplinary study of the logic of proof with Canadian/U.S.A associates.
5. Developing international, multi-media program on judicial independence for use in judicial, legal and public education. (In progress, sponsored by The Commonwealth of Learning)
6. Scripted and produced video on judicial independence for use in an educational program (by the Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs) for judges from Ukraine.
7. Planning committee member for Judicial Conference on Judicial Independence and Conduct, Kyiv, Ukraine, October, 1997. Sponsored by the Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs.
8. Planning committee member for Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice educational conference for 1998 in Saskatchewan.
9. Developed Credit Model of Analysis (CMA) Workshop. See (1994) 37 C.L.Q. 70 for outline. Used in judicial training programs.
10. Developed training manual and trained judicial faculty to deliver CMA Workshops. (1993)
11. Assisted in development of video and program for training new lawyers in the practice and procedure in provincial courts. (1990)
12. Coordinated the delivery of CMA Workshops for:
 1. Montreal, November, 1994, National Judicial Institute (NJI)
 2. Ottawa, November, 1994, NJI
 3. Vancouver, November, 1994, British Columbia Provincial Court Judges Association/National Judicial Institute.
 4. Val Morin, April, 1995, Canadian Ass. of Provincial Court Judges.
 5. Cornwall, May, 1995, NJI Intensive Study Program.
 6. Ottawa, 1996, NJI New Judges Training Program.
 7. Ottawa, 1998, NJI New Judges Training Program.
 8. Carling Lake, April 1998 and 1999, CAPCJ New Judges program.
 9. Ottawa, November 2000, NJI New Judges Orientation program.
13. Developed workshop and resources for consultation with Ukrainian judiciary on proposed *Principles of Judicial Ethics*, January-March 1998.
14. Planning Committee, Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, "Justice to Order" Conference, October, 1998.

15. Assisted visiting Chief Justices from Ukraine with the production of educational videos about the Canadian Justice System - March, 1999.
16. Co-chair and Planning Committee member for the conference on the Trial Courts of the Future, Saskatoon, May, 2002.
17. Member of Federal Commissioner for Judicial Affairs Steering Committee for Canada/Ukraine Judicial Reform Project, 2007.

JUDICIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Developed a program of judicial research into the fact-finding and decision making process. The program is based on a body of articles and a Credit Model of Analysis workshop written and developed by Judge Seniuk.
2. With others developed a process to examine trial court structures and their abilities to meet the current societal needs. In addition to writing articles to encourage discussion on this topic, the symposium "Trial Court of the Future" was a major effort in this regard. The book *Canada's Trial Courts: Two tiers or One*, edited by Peter Russell and published by U of T Press, developed from the symposium.
3. Developed a process under the title *House of Justice* to engage with communities, especially First Nations, to provide an integrated link with communities and the trial court.
4. Worked with others in the justice system to explore how we can better provide equal access to all court related services to all citizens of Saskatchewan wherever they are resident.

PRESENTER, SPEAKER, WORKSHOP LEADER:

INTERNATIONAL:

1. Presented CMA Workshop, February, 1996, Kampala, Uganda, East African Regional Judicial Education Seminar, Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute. Also assisted in delivery of three-day educational seminar on judicial ethics and independence and common law development.
2. Speaker and panelist, Commonwealth Chief Justices Meeting, Victoria, August, 1996.
3. Commonwealth Law Conference, Vancouver, August 1996, planned and lead workshop on CMA Workshop and Credibility Assessment
4. Presenter, Judicial Fact-Finding Workshop, with Australian and New Zealand judiciary, Western Judicial Education Centre, Vancouver, October, 1993.
5. Prepared and delivered resource material for use at Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute Programs in Africa, August, 1996 and 1997.
6. Presented CMA Workshop as model for curriculum development, Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute Faculty Development Program, Halifax, October, 1996.
7. Faculty member for the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute program to develop judicial educational faculties from other commonwealth countries. Halifax, September, 1997; June, 1998.
8. Assist Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs prepare a Canadian International Development Agency-sponsored educational program for Ukrainian judges. (January, 1997 - ongoing).
9. Presenter on judicial independence to visiting judges from Ukraine as part of the Canada-Ukraine Project of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs. (March, 1997)
10. Facilitator, consultation with Ukrainian judiciary on *Principles of Judicial Ethics*, May-June, 1998, Simpheripol and Mykache, Ukraine.

11. Presenter/trainer on production and use of videos for judicial education, Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, Halifax, June and September 1998.
12. Panelist, Judicial Independence, International Bar Association, September, 1998.
13. Presenter, CMA Workshop to magistrates and judges in South Africa, November-December, 1999. There was a series of CMA Workshops presented in various cities and other locations in South Africa.
14. Presented CMA Workshop for the Judicial Education Institute of Trinidad and Tobago for the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago, May, 2003.
15. Presented paper on Administrative and Institutional Independence of Courts to Chief Judges of various courts in Ukraine at Shklo, near Lviv, Ukraine, November, 2003.
16. Organized and co-presented 4-module CMA Workshop for the Judicial Education Institute of Trinidad and Tobago, March 24-26, 2004.
17. Coordinated and planned educational program for Canada/Ukraine Judicial Reform Project, Federal Commissioner of Judicial Affairs, March, 2007.

NATIONAL:

1. Guest speaker on the topic Judicial Fact Finding at the Orientation Seminar for Newly Appointed Judges, National Judicial Institute, Ottawa, June, 1993; December 1993.
2. Guest speaker, Jurisprudence Class, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan, 1990-93.
3. Bar Admission Course, 1990-93, Provincial Court presentation.
4. Faculty, Western Judicial Education Centre, Young Offenders' Act Seminar, Hekla, Manitoba, circa 1986.
5. Presenter, Fact Finding Workshop, Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges, New Judges' Program, Val Morin, Quebec, April 18, 1994.
6. Guest Speaker on the topic Judicial Fact Finding at the Nova Scotia Judicial Education Seminar, Halifax, February 16 - 19, 1994.
7. Presented Fact Finding Workshop, May, 1994, Cornwall, National Judicial Institute, Intensive Study Program.
8. Presented Credit Model of Analysis (CMA) Workshop, February, 1995, Fredericton, New Brunswick Provincial Court Judges Education Seminar.
9. Presented Judicial Independence Workshop, February, 1995, Fredericton, New Brunswick Provincial Court Judges Education Seminar.
10. Presented CMA Workshop, May, 1996, London, Ontario, Conference on the Courts in an Inclusive Society sponsored by the Provincial Court Judges of Ontario.
11. Developed and presented CMA Framework of Analysis for non-judicial adjudicators, Canadian International Trade Tribunal workshop, Ottawa, December, 1996.
12. Presented CMA Workshop, NJI Early Orientation Program for New Judges, Ottawa. November, 1997.
13. Panelist, *The Status of Judicial Independence in Canada*, College of Law, February, 1998.
14. Presented CMA Workshop, CAPCJ New Judges Program, April, 1998.
15. Panelist Chair, Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, Annual Conference, Saskatoon, October, 1998.
18. Presented CMA Workshop, National Judicial Institute, November, 1998.
19. Presented "Judicial Independence Now", British Columbia Provincial Court Judges Meeting, Vancouver, November, 1998.
20. Presented CMA Workshop, CAPCJ New Judges Program, April, 1999.

21. Presenter/Panelist “Judicial Independence and Accountability, Canadian Judges Conference/Canadian Judges’ Forum - Canadian Bar Assoc., Edmonton, August, 1999.
22. Moderator, Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, Sentencing Conference, Saskatoon, September, 1999.
23. Group Leader, National Judicial Institute, Social Context Seminar, Regina, October, 1999.
24. Presented “Judicial Independence: What It Means to You, CAPCJ Annual Convention, Ottawa, October, 2000. Also, Moderator of Panel on Judicial Activism.
25. Presented CMA Workshop, NJI, November, 2000.
26. Presented CMA Workshop, CAPCJ New Judges 2001-2002
27. Presented “Judicial Independence & Accountability”, CAPCJ New Judges 2001-2002.
28. Presented “Credibility Assessment” at National Judicial Institute’s Long Serving Judges program at Alton, Ontario, March 12, 2004.
29. Presenter Credibility Assessment workshop, CAPCJ New Judges Program, April 2004.
30. Presenter Judicial Independence/Ethics, CAPCJ New Judges Program, April 2004.
31. Presenter on topic “Translating Findings into Reasons”, Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Court of Justice and Ontario Conference of Judges, May 18, 2004.
32. Presenter, “Credibility Assessment” and CMA Workshop, CAPCJ New Judges Program, April 2006.
33. Member/Participant for National Judicial Institute’s study of judicial reform in fragile states, March 2007.
34. Presenter, Fuzzy Logic and Legal Proof, Symposium in Honour of John Yuille, University of British Columbia, July 2007.
35. Presenter, Credibility and Reasoning, Adjudicators’ Training for Indian Residential Schools Program, Calgary, November 2007.