

## William J. Hartnett, Q.C.



Bill Hartnett was, until his retirement this year, the Vice-President and General Counsel of Imperial Oil. Previous responsibilities at Imperial Oil included the management of Imperial Oil and ExxonMobil Canada litigation/arbitrations. He has also held the position of General Counsel at Imperial Oil subsidiary organizations: Esso Chemical Canada in Toronto and Esso Resources Canada Limited in Calgary.

Mr. Hartnett has been active with the Canadian Bar Association, serving over 25 years on various committees, task forces, and on the CBA National Council, Ontario Council, Alberta Council, and the CBA-Ontario Executive Committee. Further, he was the president of the Canadian Foundation for Dispute Resolution, a non-profit alliance of over 60 corporations and law firms working together to promote the early and creative resolution of business disputes; in July 2000, the organization merged with the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Canada to become the ADR Institute of Canada, and Mr. Hartnett has served as a director of the organization since September 2011.

Mr. Hartnett served as the president of the Association of General Counsel of Alberta (1993-1995) and as a director of the Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation (1996-2000). He is the recipient of several awards in recognition of his contributions to the profession – the Canadian Bar Association’s Distinguished Service Award (1990); the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association’s Robert V.A. Jones Award (1992); and the ADR Institute of Canada’s Lionel J. McGowan Award (2001).

He obtained a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1976 and completed an Executive Program at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan in 1996.

Bill will be spending the lunch hour with the CBA-CCCA community on January 16<sup>th</sup> to share his wisdom and expertise on themes of:

1. Reflections & learning as General Counsel at Imperial Oil
2. How ethical ADR practices fit the unique role of Corporate Counsel
3. Value of ethical & insightful Dispute Resolution clauses vs. standard clauses of the past
4. Why Corporate Counsel should see value in their organizations belonging to ADR Canada