

## **Sir Graham Day named one of Canada's Top 25 Most Influential**

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*Canadian Lawyer* magazine recognizes Stewart McKelvey counsel as one of the country's most powerful and respected leaders in the legal profession

### ***MEDIA RELEASE***

Sir Graham Day, counsel with Stewart McKelvey, was recently honoured by *Canadian Lawyer* magazine as one of Canada's Top 25 Most Influential leaders in the legal profession and the only honouree from Atlantic Canada. The 14 person judging panel, comprised of representatives from private practice, the judiciary, government, publishing and the academic world, put forth almost 50 candidates from which the Top 25 were chosen.

The honourees were selected not only on their power and influence but also their ability to help shape the laws of this country, their commitment to cutting edge advocacy, their contribution to the strength and quality of legal services in Canada and their social and political influence and involvement.

"In terms of nominees, the bottom line was not about power or influence but both. One of the reasons I enjoy working in the law is that it touches all aspects of society. That, I felt, should be reflected in the list," said Gail Cohn, editor, *Canadian Lawyer* magazine.

Described by one panelist as "someone to be celebrated", Sir Graham's accomplishments during his career are indeed notable. In 2006, he was inducted into the Canadian Business Hall of Fame, joining a select group of Canada's top business people. He was chancellor of Dalhousie University from 1994 to 2001, and he has served as independent director of several major Canadian companies, including Sobeys Inc., Empire Company Ltd., The CSL Group Inc., Scotiabank, Moosehead Breweries Ltd., Extencicare Inc., and Scotia Investments Ltd. Perhaps his most significant personal accomplishment came in 1989 when he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his services to the British industry.

Associated with Stewart McKelvey for approximately 17 years, in receiving this recognition, Sir Graham said, "While I appreciate the honour, I acknowledge freely that so much of this stems from my very happy relationship with Stewart McKelvey."

He continued: "I've been able to take much pleasure in observing the growth of the firm across Atlantic Canada and beyond, built on the critical principle of service to clients. Among the attitudes I applaud at Stewart McKelvey is the appreciation that the firm is more important than any individual member. The firm is all about its clients."

Stewart McKelvey CEO John Rogers, a member of the judging panel, congratulated Sir Graham on his ranking: "Sir Graham is an astute leader, mentor and visionary and personifies an enduring commitment to our region and our country. His colleagues and friends at Stewart McKelvey are proud of the recognition he has earned." Chief Justice Beverly McLachlin secured

the number one spot on the inaugural Top 25 Most Influential List. James Lockyer, partner, Lockyer Campbell Posner, and Brian Greenspan, partner, Greenspan Humphrey Lavine, both based in Toronto, rounded out the top three.

### **About Stewart McKelvey**

Stewart McKelvey is one of Canada's largest law firms, with over 220 lawyers and 350 staff in six offices across Atlantic Canada.

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