

Allan Blakeney
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Mr. Blakeney joined the College of Law in 1991 as Law Foundation Chair (1991-1992) and maintains a presence at the University of Saskatchewan as a Visiting Scholar (1992-2011). Mr. Blakeney has taught at Osgoode Hall Law School and at York's Faculty of Administrative Studies (1988-1990) and has lectured extensively throughout Canada and many parts of the world on Canadian government and politics. Mr. Blakeney delivered the Laskin Lecture on Public Law ("The University and the Modern State: Some Reflections") at Ogoode Hall Law School, the Kenneth R. MacGregor Lecture (Canada: Its Framework, Its Foibles, Its Future") at Queen's University, the Merv Leitch Memorial Lecture ("Federalism and Democracy") at the University of Alberta, and the Segelberg Lecture ("Emerging Legal Issues Relating to Death and Dying") at Dalhousie University. He has lectured at the Public Law course at the University of Victoria, and on several occasions at courses offered for public servants by the Canadian Centre for Management Development and Queen's University Program for Public Executives.

Mr. Blakeney has received honorary doctorate degrees from a number of Canadian universities including Mount Allison, Dalhousie, York, Western Ontario, Regina, and Saskatchewan. He was appointed to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada in 1982. Mr. Blakeney was inducted as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1992, and was inducted into the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 2000. In 2001, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Mr. Blakeney was called to the bar in Nova Scotia in 1950 and in Saskatchewan in 1951. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1961.

Mr. Blakeney joined the public service of Saskatchewan in 1950 and served as Secretary of Crown Corporations from 1950-1955, and later as Chairman of the Saskatchewan Securities Commission from 1955-1958. He was also engaged in the private practice of law in Saskatchewan from 1958-1960 and from 1964-1970. He was a member of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society and is a member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan and the Canadian Bar Association.

Mr. Blakeney was elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature in 1960 and re-elected in subsequent elections until his retirement in 1988.

While in government, Mr. Blakeney served as Minister of Education (1960-1961), Provincial Treasurer (1961-1962), Minister of Public Health (1962-1964), Leader of the Opposition (1970-1971 and 1982-1987), and Premier (1971-1982).

Mr. Blakeney is a signatory on behalf of the province of Saskatchewan of Canada's patriated constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms contained in the *Constitution Act, 1982*. Mr. Blakeney has held offices in the federal New Democratic Party of Canada including President (1969-1971).

Mr. Blakeney serves as a director with the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

In the past he has served as a director with Algoma Steel Inc., Cameco Corporation, Crown Life Insurance Company, Saskatchewan Institute for Public Policy, KPMG Centre for Government Foundation, Greystone Capital Management Inc., Sasktel and Dalhousie University. Mr. Blakeney has also served as President of the World Federalists of Canada from 1992-1996 and President of the Civil Liberties Association from 1997-2003.

In 1996, Mr. Blakeney worked with the Parliamentary Centre for Foreign Affairs and International Trade giving advice to Russian legislators on establishing new institutions of federalism in Russia. Since 1993, he has worked with the International Development Research Centre (an arm of the Canadian International Development Agency - CIDA) in advising South Africa Officials on establishing new institutions of federalism in South Africa. This has involved five visits to South Africa and numerous meetings with South Africans in Canada. From 1991-1993 Mr. Blakeney served as a Commissioner on the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

Publications and Research:

Mr. Blakeney recently published an autobiography that chronicles his life in politics entitled *An Honourable Calling: Political Memoirs* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2008). He is the co-author, with Professor Sandford Borins, of *Political Management in Canada* (1st edition McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1993, 2nd edition University of Toronto Press, 1998). Mr. Blakeney has published extensively in journals and academic texts and his speeches continue to be featured in many publications.

Credits to the University of Saskatchewan