

The Honourable Madam Justice Andromache Karakatsanis

Andromache Karakatsanis was born in 1955. She was educated in Toronto and obtained her Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English Literature from the University of Toronto, Victoria College in 1977. She was granted a Bachelor of Laws Degree (LL.B.) from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1980. After completing her articles with Mr. B. Clive Bynoe, Q.C., she was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1982. While attending Osgoode Hall Law School, Andromache Karakatsanis was awarded the Harry R. Rose Criminal Law Prize and the Richard Haliburton Greer Prize. She was Law Clerk to the Court of Appeal for Ontario from 1982 to 1983.

As a partner in the law firm of Sotos, Karvanis, Karakatsanis, Andromache Karakatsanis practiced primarily in the areas of criminal and civil litigation, from 1983 to 1987. She also served, as required, as a Law Clerk to Mr. Justice Patrick Hartt, of the High Court of Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, on two lengthy criminal trials. From 1987 to 1995, she was Vice-Chair, then Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario. Between 1995 and 1997, she was Assistant Deputy Attorney General and Secretary of the Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat. She received the Society of Ontario Adjudicators and Regulators' Medal in 1996 for outstanding service to the administrative justice system of Ontario.

Between 1997 and 2000, she served as Deputy Attorney General responsible for the oversight of court administration and key justice initiatives. She then served as Secretary of the Cabinet and Clerk of the Executive Council from June 2000 to November 2002. As the senior public servant in Ontario, she provided leadership to the Deputy Ministers and the Ontario Public Service.

Madam Justice Karakatsanis was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Justice on November 21, 2002. She was appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal for Ontario on March 26, 2010 and appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on October 21, 2011.

Madam Justice Karakatsanis was actively involved in administrative justice education and reform issues. She has organized and participated in numerous administrative justice conferences and training programs. She has spoken on issues related to administrative law, alternative dispute resolution, decision writing and the rule of law. From 1992 to 1995, Madam Justice Karakatsanis chaired the Circle of (Ontario Tribunal) Chairs. She volunteered extensively with the YMCA of Greater Toronto from 1990 to 2002 and held a number of executive positions, including serving as Chair of the Board of Directors. She also served as a Board Member of the Public Policy Forum and of the Canadian Policy and Research Network.

Webcast of the ceremony in honour of the Honourable Andromache Karakatsanis, held on November 14, 2011.