



## Albert H. Oosterhoff

Professor Albert H. Oosterhoff holds a BA and a JD from Western University, and an LLM from the University of Toronto. He was called to the Ontario bar in 1966 and practiced in London with Shepherd, McKenzie, Plaxton, Little & Jenkins until 1968. He taught at the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor from 1969 until 1972, when he joined the Faculty of Law at Western University. At Western he held the positions of Associate Dean (Academic), Associate Dean (Administration), and Acting Dean. He was awarded the title “Professor Emeritus” on his retirement in 2005. From 2005 to 2013 he served as an Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, where he taught Trusts.

Albert’s research and teaching interests are in Wills and Estates, Trusts, and Property. He has written numerous articles, comments, blogs, and books in those areas, regularly presents papers in Continuing Professional Development programs, and has written several reports and studies for the Ontario Law Reform Commission and the Uniform Law Conference of Canada. He was an Associate Editor of the *Dominion Law Reports* and *Canadian Criminal Cases* from 1973 to 2007, and Associate Editor of the *Ontario Reports* from 1973-1981 and 1983-1990. He also served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Estates and Trusts Journal*.

His texts include Anger and Honsberger, *Law of Real Property*, 2nd ed. (with W.B. Rayner) (Canada Law Book, 1985); *Oosterhoff on Wills*, 9th ed. (with C. David Freedman, Mitchell McInnes, and Adam Parachin) (Thomson Reuters, 2021); and *Oosterhoff on Trusts*, 9th ed. (with Robert Chambers and Mitchell McInnes) (Thomson Reuters, 2019), new edition forthcoming 2024. Albert’s texts and articles are cited regularly by all levels of the Canadian courts and the Trusts and Wills texts are widely used in Canadian Law Schools.

Albert is counsel to WEL Partners and provides opinions to lawyers and law firms on issues in estates, wills, trusts, and aspects of property law.

In 2019 the Ontario Bar Association presented Albert with a Distinguished Service Award, and the Award for Excellence in Trusts and Estates Law; and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) named him an honorary member.

In 2021 the Canadian Bar Association presented Albert with the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law.

In 2022 the Law Society of Ontario awarded the Law Society Medal to Albert for his contributions to the law over many years.

*Best Lawyers in Canada* (2020-22) included him in the category of Trusts and Estates, and Canadian Lexpert Directory included him in 2022.