

**Introduction of
The Honourable Roger Salhany, Q.C.**

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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. My name is George Wright and I am honoured to introduce our keynote speaker the Honourable Roger Salhany.

After obtaining a law degree from Osgoode Hall in 1961, the Honourable Roger E. Salhany, Q.C. attended Cambridge University for post graduate studies in criminal procedure under Professor Glanville Williams, where he obtained a diploma in Comparative Legal Studies in 1962.

For sixteen years he practiced general litigation, specializing both in criminal defence and acting as a Federal prosecutor. In 1975 at the age of 37, he was elected the youngest Bencher of the Law Society at the time. He was a sessional lecturer in criminal procedure at the University of Windsor from 1977 to 1979, a lecture in the Bar Admission course from 1968 to 1978 and a lecturer for the Federation of law Societies from 1972 to 1979.

In 1978, he was appointed a judge of the Ontario County Court and became a judge of the Ontario Superior Court in 1990 when the two courts merged. From 1979 to 1999, he was a lecturer on criminal law, procedure and evidence for the Ontario Provincial Police, the Conference of Ontario Boards and Agencies, the Canadian Judicial Council and the National Judicial Institute.

From 1979 to 1984 he was a Commissioner with the Guelph Police Commission and from 1994 to 1997 was a Governor with Wilfred Laurier University.

He is the author of eight books on civil practice, criminal procedure, criminal evidence, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and The Police Manual of Arrest, Seizure and Interrogation of which the Ninth Edition was recently released.

He retired in 1999 and subsequently became a member of the Pension Appeals Board which hears appeals under the Canada Pension Plan.

Currently, Judge Salhany has been retained by the Attorney General of Manitoba to review the Dangerfield Prosecutions.

On December 5, 2007 the Province of Manitoba appointed Judge Salhany to conduct an inquiry into the investigation, prosecution and justice services provided to the families of Crystal Taman who was killed in an automobile collision on February 25, 2005. Manitoba Attorney General Dave Chomiak stated that there are questions that need to be answered about this case and that the inquiry will provide the public with information and recommendations that will strengthen confidence in Manitoba's justice system.

On September 30, 2008 Judge Salhany filed his report and the Attorney General immediately announced that Manitoba was moving quickly to implement the report's 14 recommendations.

In an October 8, 2008 editorial titled Genuine accountability the Globe & Mail noted in part and I quote:

QUOTE: All provinces that now lack independent civilian bodies to investigate alleged crimes by police, and the RCMP, which also investigates its own members, should look at the report of Roger Salhany, a retired Ontario judge who held the public inquiry into the event around the 2005 collision that killed Crystal Taman, a 40-year-old mother of three. His fact-finding was thorough, convincing and damning. Rarely has the thin blue line – the police code of self-protecting silence – been so manifest and clear for all to see. UNQUOTE

And now to speak to us today, please give a warm CACOLE welcome to the Honourable Roger Salhany.