



George A. McAllister

New Brunswick's third Ombudsman was born on January 19, 1919 in Saint John, New Brunswick and received his early education there. Mr. McAllister received his Bachelor of Arts, Civil Law and Master of Arts degrees from the University of New Brunswick, and a Master of Laws degree from Columbia University. He attended the London School of Economics. Called to the Bar of New Brunswick in 1942, he was President of the Barristers' Society of New Brunswick from 1971-1973. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1966. His post as Research Associate at the Institute of Public Affairs at Dalhousie University from 1942 to 1945 was followed by an Associate Professorship at

the University of British Columbia from 1946 to 1950. He relinquished his post of Professor of Law at the University of New Brunswick, which he had held since 1950, on his appointment of Ombudsman on February 7, 1974, but remained as a lecturer.

Following his appointment as Ombudsman for New Brunswick, Mr. McAllister served on the Ombudsman Committee of the International Bar Association. He was subsequently designated as liaison representative to the same Committee by the Canadian Bar Association. To those he taught, and those who worked with him, he was a most admired and respected person. His door was always open for counsel or advice to the citizens of New Brunswick. He was unstinting in his efforts to do his utmost for those who called on him for assistance.

Mr. McAllister died August 1, 1975. During his brief tenure, he contributed greatly to the evolution of the Office of the Ombudsman. His view that "flexibility and open-mindedness should prevail" was apparent from the manner in which he carried out his duties.