

## In Memoriam - John Yogis

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John Yogis, QC, one of Dalhousie Law School's longest serving professors passed away November 23, 2021, at age 81.

John was born in Halifax. He received his BA degree from Saint Mary's University, and an LL.B. and LL.M. from Dalhousie University. Following his call to the Nova Scotia Bar, he received a second LL.M. from the University of Michigan. He was invited to join the Faculty of Law at Dalhousie as the School's first postgraduate teaching fellow. During his law school tenure John taught a wide range of subjects, was editor of the Dalhousie Law Journal, and editor of the Law School's alumni magazine, Hearsay. He was the author, co-author and editor of several legal works, including the first Canadian law dictionary. He served as Associate Dean of Law from 1993 to 2000.

In 2008 the Yogis & Keddy Chair in Human Rights Law at the Schulich School of Law was established through the generosity of Judge Sandra E. Oxner, O.C., in recognition of John's commitment to human rights. In 2011 John was appointed Professor Emeritus at the Schulich School of Law and in 2012 he was inducted into the Bertha Wilson Honour Society.

In addition to his career as an academic, John was a public servant in the broadest sense. He was a founding member of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, which delivers training and education to judges throughout the Commonwealth. He chaired boards of inquiry for the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, and served on committees of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.

John actively supported several local arts and volunteer organizations, which included service on the Boards of the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation, the Dalhousie Art Gallery, Opera East, L'Arche Halifax, and the Friends of the Public Gardens. He was awarded both the Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals, and in 2015 was presented to her Majesty the Queen at a reception at St. James Palace that recognized the work of Commonwealth organizations.

John is survived by his longtime partner and husband, Darrell Roy.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place 11:00am on Monday, November 29, 2021 at Cruikshank's Halifax Funeral Home, 2666 Windsor Street, Fr. Albert Cosgrove officiating. Please note that COVID-19 protocols, including proof of vaccination, will be required. The service will also be available on the website of Cruikshank's Halifax.

Donations in John's memory may be made to Hospice Halifax, or the charity of your choice.