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One Posthumous
QC Is Conferred

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Thirteen prominent members of Manitoba's legal profession have been appointed Queen's Counsel -- one of them posthumously -- on the New Year's Honors List, Attorney-General Al Mackling has announced.

Mr. Mackling said he had taken the unusual step of conferring a posthumous Q.C. on a famous Winnipeg trial lawyer, Solomon Greenberg "to correct a long-overdue omission of his name from the rolls of Queen's Counsel."

He said the fact Mr. Greenberg had been overlooked during his lifetime as recipient of a Q.C. had been a matter of regret expressed publicly on a number of occasions by leading members of the legal profession.

In addition to Mr. Greenberg, recipients of the award are:

- . Roy H. C. Baker of the law firm of Fletcher, Baker, Zivot, Wolchock and Regier.
- . W. G. Boyd, regional counsel for the Canadian National Railways.
- . Magistrate W. M. Darichuk of City of Winnipeg Magistrate's Court.
- . W. M. Martens, senior partner in the firm of Martens and Dennehy.
- . Ronald J. Meyers, director of the Legal Aid Committee of the Law Society of Manitoba.
- . John D. Montgomery, chief crown attorney, City of Winnipeg Magistrate's Court.
- . Melvin (Mel) Myers, of the firm of Pollock, Nurgitz, Bromley and Myers.
- . Roland Penner, associate professor of law, University of Manitoba.
- . Judge Nellie McNichol Sanders, judge of the Winnipeg Family Court.
- . B. E. Sellner, Winnipeg barrister.
- . Abraham L. Simkin, of Simkin, Cantor, Goltsman and Rosenberg, and a senior officer and general counsel of BACM Industries Ltd.
- . Carl Vermeulen, estates administrator, Department of the Attorney-General.

The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council is empowered by statute to appoint four Queen's Counsel each year, as well as to make appointments to fill vacancies caused by death or elevation to the Bench. Eight QCs died during 1971. Mr. Mackling said the posthumous award to Mr. Greenberg was in addition to this number.

Here are the biographies:

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ROY HOWARD CORBETT BAKER, Partner in firm of Fletcher, Baker, Zivot, Wolchock and Regier, was born in Winnipeg in 1931. He received his B.A. degree from United College, 1952, his LL.B. from the University of Manitoba in 1957 and was called to the bar the same year. During his years as law student he was articled to E. A. Fletcher, Q.C. He is on the Winnipeg Advisory Board of the Guarantee Trust Company of Canada, is general counsel to the Hutterite Church and is a member of the Canadian Bar Association.

WILBUR GORDON BOYD, regional counsel for Canadian National Railways Prairie Region. He was born in Winnipeg in 1908 and graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1927 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He entered the Manitoba Law School in 1928, graduating in 1932 with a Bachelor of Laws degree, winning the Gold Medal in his final year. In 1932 he entered private practice with the law firm of Scarth, Guild and Honeyman remaining there until 1946 when he joined the Attorney General's Department as a crown attorney. Between 1943 and 1945 he served with the RCAF. In 1946 he joined the Canadian National Railway Company as a solicitor. He was transferred to Montreal in 1954, became Commission Counsel in 1961 and returned to Winnipeg in 1964 as Regional Counsel. He is known primarily for his work as a barrister in Manitoba Courts and the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada. He is a member of the Law Societies of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, a member of the Canadian Bar Association and is a former editor of the Manitoba Bar News. Following World War Two he was secretary of the Post War Planning Committee.

WALLACE MICHAEL DARICHUK, a senior magistrate in the City of Winnipeg Magistrate's Court, was born at St. Clements, Manitoba, in 1938. He graduated with an LL.B. in 1960, winning the Hughes Award for highest marks in evidence and the Alf Francis Memorial Award. He articled at Selkirk with the law firm of McLenaghan and Newman and was called to the bar in September, 1960. He entered private practice with the firm of Newman and Darichuk at Selkirk. For several years he acted as solicitor for the Town of Selkirk and the R.M. of St. Clements and was a special prosecutor for the Minister of Justice in the Interlake area.

In August, 1963, at age 25, he became the youngest person in Canada to be appointed to the bench as a provincial magistrate and judge of the Juvenile and Family Court. He has served in this capacity in courts in the Interlake, northern and eastern Manitoba and in the City of Winnipeg. He holds memberships in the Manitoba Bar Association, the North America Judges Association, the American Judicature Society, the Manitoba Society of Criminology, and has lectured on criminal practise and procedure in magistrate's court to students of the bar admission course of the Manitoba Law School.

WILLIAM M. MARTENS, senior partner in firm of Martens and Dennehy, was born in the Ukraine in 1925, coming to Canada 1930, when his parents settled at Sanford, Manitoba. He received his B.A. from United College 1947 and his LL.B. from the University of Manitoba in 1954. He was articled to B.B. Dubiński and then Buhr and Friesen. Mr. Martens is past-president, German-Canadian Business and Professional Men's Association.

RONALD JEROME MEYERS, was born in Winnipeg in 1933. He graduated with a B.A. from the University of Manitoba in 1955, receiving the award as outstanding graduate. He graduated from the Manitoba Law School in 1960 and articled with the firm of Campbell and Driscoll. Mr. Meyers is presently with the firm of Arpin and Company. He is legal aid director of the Manitoba Law Society, a member of the Manitoba Bar Association, has served as a member of the Attorney-General's advisory committee on legal aid, is Manitoba representative of the National Fitness Council, served as a director of Rainbow Stage, and was active in organization of the Pan-American Games in 1967. Mr. Meyers is also a writer for the Winnipeg Tribune.

JOHN DOUGLAS MONTGOMERY, born in Salisbury, Rhodesia, was educated in Toronto schools. He received his B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1951 and his LL.B. from the Manitoba Law School in 1960. From 1952 to 1962 he served as student-at-law in Toronto and as barrister at two Winnipeg law firms. In April, 1962, Mr. Montgomery joined the attorney general's department as crown attorney, serving in all courts in Manitoba, including assize courts and the Court of Appeal, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada. In March, 1969, he became chief crown attorney in City of Winnipeg magistrate's court. Mr. Montgomery is president of the Jessel Club.

MEL MYERS, 35, received his B.A. degree from United College in 1957 and graduated, with honors, from the Manitoba Law School in 1961. Articling with Sokolov, Wolinsky and Sokolov, he practised for a short time with that firm upon graduation. He was appointed a crown attorney with the Manitoba Attorney-General's department in 1961, remaining with the department until 1964 when he joined the firm of Pollock, Nurgitz and Bromley. He is a lecturer to the bar admissions course on criminal evidence and is a member of the Manitoba Bar Association, the Manitoba Medico-Legal Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association; president of the Y.M.H.A. Community Centre; and member of the board of regents, University of Winnipeg.

ROLAND PENNER, born in Winnipeg in 1924, served overseas with the Royal Canadian Artillery in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. At war's end he attended Khaki University, London, England, and on his discharge in 1946 he entered the University of Manitoba, graduating with a B.A. in 1949. While in University won several scholarships, including the Andrew Knox Dysart Gold Medal in English; was a member of debating teams which won the McGoun Cup and the Dominion Debating Championship (1949); and was a member of the Editorial Board of the Manitoban. Following graduation he founded the Co-op Book Shop becoming its first manager, and is president of its board of directors. He graduated from the Manitoba Law School in 1961, winning the Law Society Prize for the third highest standing in the graduating year. Mr. Penner entered into partnership with Joseph Zuken, Q.C. with whom he had articulated, and was appointed a lecturer in criminal law with the faculty of law, University of Manitoba, in 1967. He was appointed Associate Professor of Law in 1968. Mr. Penner is Chairman of the University of Manitoba Legal Aid Institute, and is a member of the University of Manitoba Senate Planning and Priorities Committee. In addition to his teaching and administrative duties, Mr. Penner is preparing a textbook on Criminal Evidence, and is conducting research on drug usage under a Canada Council grant.

JUDGE NELLIE McNICHOL SANDERS, judge of the Winnipeg Family Court and magistrate, was born in Westover, Ontario. She received her B.A. from the University of Manitoba in 1928 and her LL.B. in 1932. She was articulated to Alex McLeod, K.C., of McLeod, Black and Company, and was with the firm until 1935 when she served for a year as legal consultant for the Department of Welfare. She was in private practise from 1936 to 1940, and also was secretary of the Manitoba Welfare Supervision Board (1936-42). She undertook social work for the Department of Welfare from 1940 to 1946 and from 1951 to 1953, when she was appointed counsel for the Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg. In 1957 she became the first woman judge in Manitoba when she was appointed to her present position as judge of the Winnipeg Family Court and magistrate. She is a member of the Canadian Association of Social Workers, Manitoba Bar Association and General Synod Sub-Committee on Marriage and Related Matters of the Anglican Church in Canada.

BERTRAND EDWARD SELLNER, born in Winnipeg in 1927, is a 1956 graduate from the Manitoba Law School. After graduation he practised in partnership until 1964, when he established his own law firm in the northern section of Winnipeg, near where he has lived throughout his life. Mr. Sellner is first vice-president of the Canadian Czechoslovakian Benevolent Association.

ABRAHAM L. SIMKIN, 49, is co-founder and senior partner of the law firm of Simkin, Cantor, Goltsman and Rosenberg, and since April, 1970, has served as executive vice-president, vice-chairman of the board and general counsel of BACM Industries Ltd. He is also a director and member of the executive committee of BACM. Born in Winnipeg in 1922, he received his LL.B. from the University of Manitoba in 1946. On graduation, he practised law in association with the late A. E. Cantor, Q.C., and Mr. Justice Roy J. Matas, and has practised law in Winnipeg continuously, specializing in commercial, corporate, securities, tax and municipal law. He has served as a director of the Manitoba Development Corporation, and is active in a wide variety of cultural, educational, charitable and other community service organizations. He is a director and vice-president of the Manitoba Theatre Centre, honorary secretary of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, and serves as a director of St. Boniface General Hospital, of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and of the Prairie Provinces Forestry Association. He is chairman of the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate advisory board; past president of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Winnipeg and of the Canadian Jewish Congress Council.

CARL VERMEULEN, born in Holland in 1920, came to Canada in 1925 and settled with his parents in the Macdonald district of Manitoba. He attended United College for two years prior to enlisting with the Royal Canadian Artillery in September, 1940. He was loaned to the American First Marine Division during World War Two and saw action in the Pacific theatre at Guadalcanal, Mariannas and Gilberts, winning the Silver Star from the United States command. Following the war Mr. Vermeulen attended the Manitoba Law School, receiving his LL.B. in 1948. He articulated with Israel Nitikman, who is now a justice on the Manitoba Court of Appeals. On graduation he entered private practise, joining the Attorney-General's Department in 1956 as deputy administrator of estates of mentally-disordered persons. He was named administrator in 1963. Mr. Vermeulen served as president of the St. James Legion for 1968-69 and has been elected to serve again as president beginning January 1, 1972.

THE LATE SOLOMON GREENBERG was one of Manitoba's best-known and most prominent criminal trial lawyers. Born in Odessa, Russia, in 1894, he came to Winnipeg in 1910 at the age of 16 with his widowed mother and other members of the immediate family. He graduated from the Manitoba Law School in 1918, articulated with Conde and Taylor and was called to the bar the following year. He was for a time in private practise, then for 17 years in partnership with the late Simon Abrahamson. In 1953 he was joined by M. J. Arpin under the firm name of Greenberg and Arpin which was later expanded. Mr. Greenberg died in September, 1958, at the age of 64. In the previous ten years alone before his death, Mr. Greenberg's name appeared as counsel in 63 cases, of prominence, in which the decisions were reported in regular legal profession reports. His career, Mr. Mackling said, was one marked by great success in civil and criminal litigation. "Those familiar with the courts at the height of Mr. Greenberg's service recall that he was a trial lawyer of great talent, representing the accused in many of the leading trials of those years. A master of the art of cross-examination, he invariably won the respect of witnesses and counsel on all sides of a given case."