



M. Rick O'Connor

City Clerk and Solicitor, B.A., M.A., LL.B

Rick O'Connor became a solicitor with the former Region of Ottawa-Carleton where he practiced in the areas of municipal, labour and employment law, and administrative litigation since his 1989 call to the Bar in Ontario. With the amalgamation of the City of Ottawa in 2001, he became the Deputy City Clerk while retaining the title of Legal Counsel. In 2006, Rick was appointed City Solicitor and, on December 1st, 2008, he was appointed to the newly established position of City Clerk and Solicitor.

In 2005, Rick successfully achieved his Certified Municipal Officer designation through the AMCTO, and was the proud recipient of its 2006 Prestige Award, an honour that recognizes a member's commitment to that Association's ideals and for his contributions to the profession generally. In 2010, Rick also achieved his Certified Specialist (Municipal Law: Local Government) designation through the Law Society of Upper Canada. Rick was also honoured to be the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2012 by the Ontario Good Roads Association for serving as an instructor for more than twenty years. In 2013, Rick received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his leadership in the evolution of open and accountable public administration in Ontario.

The author of numerous legal articles, as well as being a regular speaker to various municipal organizations, Rick co-authored **Conduct Handbook for Municipal Employees and Officials** (2nd ed., 2003), wrote **Open Local Government** (2nd ed., 2004) and co-authored **A Practical Guide to Ontario's Municipal Conflict of Interest Act** (2007).