

Clark Wilson's Bernard Pinsky receives Diamond Jubilee Medal

On December 12th, 2012, the Honourable Andrew Scheer, Speaker of the House of Commons, presented local lawyer Bernard Pinsky with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal* in recognition of his service to the community. Mr Pinsky, a partner at BC-based law firm Clark Wilson LLP, was sponsored by the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) for his significant contribution to various non-profit organizations in British Columbia and across Canada.

As a board member of CIJA, Mr Pinsky worked on the fundamentals of the organization's advocacy by encouraging programming in the Vancouver area and serving as an effective liaison with the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. He served as President and held numerous other fundraising, strategic planning, officer and directorial positions with the Federation locally, as well as with UIA Federations Canada (UIAFC) and the Canadian Jewish Congress - the premier advocacy organization for the Jewish community in Canada, dedicated to advancing the cause of human rights, combatting racism and promoting a society free of hatred and discrimination. Mr Pinsky distinguished himself as a facilitator of conversation and compromise, a trusted and respected voice when sensitive situations arose between community groups.

From Treasurer of his synagogue to his tireless leadership within the widely respected Louis Brier Foundation, Mr Pinsky has focused on encouraging philanthropy for the benefit of the entire community, working to improve care for the elderly and those with Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis. As MP Ted Opatz said in his presentation before the House of Commons: "One common trait the recipients share is their long-standing dedication to volunteerism and devotion to their fellow citizens. They are an example for all citizens, and most deserving of this honour".

** The Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal is a commemorative award created to mark the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's ascent to the throne and will honour 60,000 citizens and permanent residents of Canada who have made a significant contribution to their fellow countrymen, their community, or to Canada over the past sixty years. The last time Diamond Jubilee medals were presented was during Queen Victoria's reign in 1867. To be eligible for this honour, a person must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, must have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region or community within Canada, or an achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada. For more information on the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and nomination process, please visit www.gg.ca.*



Bernard Pinsky with the Hon. Andrew Scheer, Speaker of the House.