

# Martha Jackman

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## Biography

Martha Jackman, B.A. (Queen's), LL.B. (Toronto), LL.M. (Yale), specializes in constitutional law, with a particular focus on issues relating to women and other marginalized groups. She joined the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa in 1988. She publishes primarily in the areas of socio-economic rights, equality and the Canadian Charter. She appears regularly before law reform bodies, lawyers, judges and parliamentary committees and has acted as legal counsel in a number of important Charter test cases. She is a member of the National Steering Committee of the National Association of Women and the Law and a former member of Equality Rights Panel of the Court Challenges Program of Canada and of the Board of Directors of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF). In 2007, she received the Law Society of Upper Canada Medal for her contributions to the profession and in 2015, was the recipient of the Canadian Bar Association's Touchstone Award.

Biographie Martha Jackman, B.A. (Queen's), LL.B. (Toronto), LL.M. (Yale), est une spécialiste du droit constitutionnel. Elle s'intéresse également aux problèmes juridiques liés à la protection des femmes et des groupes défavorisés. Elle publie principalement dans le domaine des droits socio-économiques ainsi que de l'égalité et la Charte canadienne. Elle comparait régulièrement en matière de droit constitutionnel et de politique sociale devant des commissions des droits de la personne, des regroupements de juristes et de juges ainsi que des comités parlementaires et ses compétences sont recherchées en matière de contentieux constitutionnel. Elle est membre du Conseil de direction de l'Association nationale femmes et droit et ancienne membre du Conseil de direction des Fonds d'action et d'éducation juridiques des femmes ainsi que du Comité des droits à l'égalité du Programme de contestation judiciaire du Canada.. En 2007, on lui a décerné la médaille du Barreau du Haut-Canada, un honneur attribué chaque année à des juristes ayant grandement contribué à la profession. En 2015 elle a mérité les Prix "Les Assises" de l'Association du barreau canadien.

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## Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Legal Services, Research

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## Areas of Expertise

Constitutional Law, Charter of Rights, Women, Marginalized Groups, Access to Health Care

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## Affiliations

National Steering Committee National Association of Women and the Law/Association nationale Femmes et Droit : Member (Co Chair 2012 - ), Journal of Law and Equality : Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, Law Society of Upper Canada : Member, Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario : Member, National Association of Women and the Law : Member

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## **Education**

**Yale Law School**  
LL.M.

**University of Toronto, Faculty of Law**  
LL.B.

**Queen's University**  
B.A.

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## **Accomplishments**

**Touchstone Award, Canadian Bar Association**  
2015

**Law Society of Upper Canada Medal**  
2007

**University of Victoria Law Students Society First Year Teaching Award**  
2004

**Augusta Stowe-Gullen Affirmative Action Medal, Awarded by the National Capital Committee on the Advancement of Learning Opportunities for Women**  
2001

**Marion Porter Prize, Awarded by the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women for the most significant feminist research article from a journal or anthology**  
1996

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