A Brief Biography of
Nelson M. Tsui, Q.C.

Nelson M. Tsui, Q.C., B.A., M.B.A., LL.B., was born in Shanghai, raised in Hong Kong, and educated in Canada. During his formative years, he traveled extensively throughout Canada, from coast to coast, while pursuing university and post-graduate studies. He attended the University of Waterloo, Carleton University, City College, University of Victoria, and the University of British Columbia. Upon graduation, he worked in case management for the Correctional Service of Canada. He then took a leave of absence to pursue a legal education. He was called to the British Columbia Bar in 1987, and has since been in private practice. He taught law at both the Vancouver Community College and the British Columbia Institute of Technology, and is a B.C. speaker with the national Historica Canada. He is also a media commentator on current affairs. An award-winning newspaper columnist, he is the author of many articles and books on Canadian law and politics. He has served on numerous boards and administrative tribunals, both provincial and federal, including the Board of Parole of British Columbia, the Board of the College of Opticians of British Columbia and, since 2002, as an Independent Chairperson presiding over the Serious Court in federal correctional institutions. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 in recognition of his service to his community. He was appointed the Queen’s Counsel in 2014.