



## The Hon. Serge Joyal, P.C., O.C., O.Q., FRSC

The Honourable Serge Joyal is a lawyer, jurist and Senator in the Parliament of Canada since 1997.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree (1964) and a Law Degree (1968) from the Université de Montréal. He also earned a Master's Degree in Administrative Law from the University of Sheffield (1970), he registered for the Master's program in Constitutional Law at the London School of Economics (1971), and received a Postgraduate Diploma in Comparative Law from the University of Strasbourg (1972).

His interests and specialisation are in legal affairs, including constitutional and parliamentary law.

His political career began in 1974 when he was elected to the House of Commons. During his decade in the Commons, he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury Board President (1980), Minister of State (1981), and Secretary of State (1982-1984). He was instrumental in establishing the Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages (1980) and served as Co-President of the Joint Committee on the Patriation of the Canadian Constitution (1980-81), charged with the task of studying the resolution that became the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Following his appointment to the Senate in (1997), Mr. Joyal has been a long-serving active member on various committees including the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, as well as of the Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament Committee. In addition, he is currently the Vice-Chair of the Conflict of Interest Committee, of which he was Chair for 7 years. He has also been Vice-Chair of the Senate Special Committee on Terrorism.

During his extensive parliamentary career, Mr. Joyal has intervened in his personal capacity five times before the highest Canadian Courts to argue in cases related directly to the definition of the equality of official languages, rights and freedoms, or which involve the fundamental nature of our parliamentary institutions and constitutional monarchy.

He is the author/ editor of several articles and books on parliamentary and constitutional law as well as Canadian history. Among these publications are *Protecting Canadian Democracy: the Senate you never knew* (2003) and with Historian P.-A. Linteau as co-editor of *France-Canada-Québec: 400 ans de relations d'exception*. In 2013, he published *Le Mythe de Napoléon au Canada français*, a historical essay that is now the subject of a documentary film by Daniel Bertolino. Soon to be published is *Le Canada et la France dans la Grande guerre* that includes numerous essays by Canadian and French historians.

Mr. Joyal has actively campaigned for the protection of cultural heritage and for the improvement of urban life. He is an Honorary Trustee of the Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA), after having served for 10 years on its first Board of Directors. He acquired, restored, or fought for the recognition of several threatened heritage buildings as historical monuments, and intervened on multiple occasions to save convents, churches, justice halls, prisons and heritage residences. He regularly publishes articles to support the protection and restoration of heritage buildings in Montreal and elsewhere in Quebec. Moreover, Mr. Joyal has made a unique contribution to the protection of heritage furniture, notably those of religious origin. In 2010, he participated in the establishment of the *Fondation Lafontaine-Cormier* (of which he is one of the Directors), dedicated to the protection and appreciation of Quebec's judicial heritage.

He had become the first francophone President of the *Société des musées québécois* in 1972, and was director of the Canadian Museums Association; he was Co-Founder of the *Musée d'art de Joliette* in 1968, and its Vice-President for more than 15 years. Since 2009, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the *Montreal Museum of Fine Arts*, and is one of its benefactors.

Mr. Joyal has enriched the collections of numerous Canadian museums with historical artifacts and objects of art, including a considerable donation to the *Canadian Museum of History*, related to the Crown and the reign of Her Majesty Elizabeth II as Queen of Canada. These were included in a special travelling exhibition during the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. This exhibition, entitled *A Queen and Her Country*, was organized at the initiative of Senator Joyal and has been recently extended to the summer of 2016.

Mr. Joyal chaired several charity auctions dedicated to helping numerous non-profit organisations and foundations.

He has long been interested in issues relating to the Monarchy. He is a member of a group of Canadian scholars called *the Friends of the Canadian Crown - Les Amis de la Couronne au Canada*. He has donated portraits of the Kings who ruled during the French Regime (1534-1763), that are permanently displayed in the Senate's *Salon de la Francophonie*. He has also given portraits of three British Sovereigns (George IV, William IV and Edward VIII) that are located in the Senate Foyer. In addition, Senator Joyal wrote an illustrated leaflet on the history of the monarchy in Canada which is available to visitors coming to Parliament.

Serge Joyal received an Honorary Ph.D. in Law from the *Université de Moncton* (1984). He is a *Chevalier* (1995), and an *Officier* (2008) in the French Legion of Honour; he is also an Officer in the Order of Canada (1997) and an *Officier* in the National Order of Quebec (2004). In 2015, he was named Specially Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.