Insolvency Institute of Canada

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In Memoriam

R. Gordon Marantz

Sept. 15, 1936 – May 19, 2026

On behalf of all Insolvency Institute of Canada members, the IIC Board of Directors extends our deepest condolences to the family friends and former colleagues of Gordon Marantz, who passed away last week at age 90.

A graduate of Yale Law in 1962, Gordon practiced restructuring and insolvency law with Smith Lyons Torrance in Toronto from 1963-1985 before joining Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in 1985. He retired from the firm as a Senior Partner in 2001.

Gordon's skill and excellence in practice led to national and international recognition. He served as Special Private Sector Advisory Counsel to Industry Canada on amendments to the BIA and CCAA and he was a founding member of both the IIC and Canadian Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Section, where he served as president from 1997-1999. He also served as a board member of INSOL International as representative of the CBA.

As one of the founding members of the IIC, Gordon was an active member of the International Committee, with the mandate to analyze and consider changes to the international insolvency provisions of the BIA and CCAA. As a member of the Winding-Up and Restructuring (WURA) Committee, he was one of the authors of the *WURA Recommendations for Reform* report which contained a detailed review of the Act and provided a template for reform.

In 2002 Gordon was named a Fellow of the Institute (FIIC) in recognition of his remarkable contributions to restructuring and insolvency law in Canada and to the foundation and building of the IIC.

Along with his leadership, integrity, and mentorship, Gordon was known for his charm, wicked sense of humour, and being a bon vivant.

Gordon is survived by his beloved wife, Diane; his children, Jonathan and Cara (Howard Landau); and his cherished grandchildren, Faye and Joseph. Per his wishes, a private service has taken place.

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