

March 27, 2020

In Memoriam

The Honourable Yoine Goldstein, Ad.E, PhD
1934-2020

On behalf of all Insolvency Institute of Canada members, the IIC Board of Directors extends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Yoine Goldstein, who passed away last week at age 86.

A graduate of both McGill University and Université de Lyon, where he received his Doctorate with Distinction, Yoine was called to the bar in 1961. He became a renowned lawyer and community leader in his home city of Montreal and also across Canada. He taught bankruptcy law at the l'Université de Montreal for more than 25 years, and in 2005 was appointed to the Senate by then-Prime Minister Paul Martin where he served as the vice-chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce.

His volunteer contributions were vast, and included co-founding the Tolerance Foundation, serving as president of the Jewish Community Foundation and vice-president of the Jewish National Fund, and sitting on the boards of the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, and many more.

A founding member of the IIC, Yoine was among a select group of lawyers, including the late Bruce Leonard, with an interest in insolvency and restructuring practice who began meeting in the mid-to-late 1980s at the Millcroft Inn in Caledon, Ontario. The group would gather to collaborate, network and discuss the practice of restructuring law, and it was here that the concept of a professional association dedicated to thought-leadership was born.

In 2002, Yoine was named a Fellow of the Institute in recognition of both his contributions to restructuring and insolvency law in Canada and to the foundation and building of the IIC. He attended the 2015 Conference & Annual Meeting held in Niagara-on-the Lake as a special guest in celebration of the IIC's 25th anniversary.

He leaves behind his wife Elaine, his two children, Doron and Dahna, daughter-in law Sarah and his grandson Ezra. A private service has been held.