



# ROGER T. HUGHES FUTURE LEADER AWARD

## AWARD CRITERIA & NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE: MAY 24, 2024

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### *Award description & criteria:*

The **Roger T. Hughes Future Leader Award** is given to an emerging leader/future leader and member of IPIC who has made significant contributions to an IPIC Committee, Community, or other substantial IPIC initiative during the past year. The individual will have demonstrated significant leadership, commitment, and dedication to increasing awareness of IPIC along with the value and future, of the IP profession in Canada.

The term Emerging leader/future leader refers to an individual 40 years of age or younger and/or those with less than 10 years experience in the IP profession. Please note membership in IPIC's Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC), or IPIC's Emerging Leaders Networking Group (ELNG), are not mandatory for award recipients.

### *Prize:*

1. The recipient of the award will receive \$1,000.
2. The recipient of the award will also receive complimentary registration to attend this year's Annual Conference.

### *Nominations:*

Nominations will be sought from the membership through IPIC's weekly IP Newsbreak and on the IPIC News section.

### *How to nominate an individual:*

In addition to completing this form, please provide a letter of support (maximum two (2) pages in length) outlining the contributions of the nominee to the Institute including their Committee or Community involvement, their engagement in IPIC's member services and / or educational offerings. Please send the completed form accompanied by a letter of support to Asha Labrecque, IPIC Member Services Manager at: [membership@ipic.ca](mailto:membership@ipic.ca) by **MAY 24, 2024**.



*Winner Selection:*

Nominations will be reviewed by IPIC staff and the winner will ultimately be selected by the IPIC President & Chair of the Board. Sitting members of the Board are not eligible for the Award.

*Award recognition:*

**Roger T. Hughes Future Leader Award** recipients receive the following recognition:

- recognized at IPIC's gala during the Annual Conference (format could change for a virtual conference).
- crystal award with name, title, and year,
- article on IPIC's website under News,
- receive special recognition in IPIC's weekly IP Newsbreak, and
- on IPIC's social media platforms.

*Roger T. Hughes Bio:*

The Honourable Justice Roger T. Hughes (Ret.) is a former Judge of the Federal Court of Canada and valued member of the Intellectual property Institute (IPIC) for 48 years. Justice Hughes served as President of IPIC, formerly the Patent and Trademark Institute of Canada, from 1996-1997. Throughout his long-standing membership to IPIC he served on multiple committees offering his experience, knowledge, and expertise to benefit the association, our members, and the IP profession.

Justice Hughes is a recognized expert in intellectual property matters, he obtained his LLB at the University of Toronto in 1966 and was called to the Bar in Ontario in 1968 and in Alberta in 1979. Prior to his appointment to the Federal Court of Canada in June 2005, he practised law in Toronto as an Associate and Partner at Sim, Hughes, Ashton & McKay and Sim & McBurney specializing in Practice restricted to Patents, Industrial Designs, Trademarks, Trade Secrets, Copyright, Licensing, Franchising, Products Liability and Related Matters.

Justice Hughes was awarded Member of Distinction status from IPIC as a reflection of the contributions and honour he has brought to the IP profession.



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