

Biographical Summary

Wendy van Tongeren Harvey

Wendy van Tongeren Harvey graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1973 with her B.A. and Queen's Law School in 1976. She was called to the Ontario Bar in 1978 and to the British Columbia Bar in 1979.

Ms. van Tongeren Harvey is best known for her work in the area of prosecution of sex crimes and crimes against vulnerable persons, e.g.: children, persons with disabilities. She has specialized in this area since 1981 as a prosecutor and also in areas of training, development of training material, writing, public speaking, policy development and legislative reform.

She has numerous co-authored publications to her name including the Canadian "best seller" *So, You Have to Go to Court* – Butterworth's (Toronto - 1986): a book written for child witnesses. She continues to write and update her published work. Lexis Nexis published the second edition of van Tongeren Harvey – Dauns, *Sexual Offences Against Children and the Criminal Process* in 2001. Her most recent co-authored work is entitled, *Trauma, Trials and Transformation*, Irwin Law, which was released in September 2006.

Ms. van Tongeren Harvey has lectured throughout Canada and represented Canada in Italy and the UK at international conferences in 1988 and 1992. She has been called upon as an expert to assist in Canadian legislative reform before parliamentary committees and the development of international guidelines for child abuse prosecutions. Ms. van Tongeren Harvey has played a significant role in training police, Crown counsel and social workers throughout the country. In September of 2001, she lead the workshop in Sydney, Australia for prosecutors from around the world related to the *Model Guidelines for Effective Crimes Against Children Prosecutions* developed jointly by the International Association of Prosecutors and the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy. In 2003, she presented before an international audience at The Hague on children witnesses and restorative justice. In 2004, she completed a series of workshops throughout British Columbia for victim assistance workers on child witness preparation.

Ms. van Tongeren Harvey is a prosecutor with the British Columbia Ministry of the Attorney General, prosecuting cases in the Supreme Court in New Westminster. In 2005 she was seconded firstly as a Headquarters Lawyer assigned to implement Bill C-2 and to assist with policy review of the British Columbia child abuse and sexual assault policies and secondly, as a visiting instructor at the Pacific Region Training Centre to train RCMP officers.

In 2006, Ms. van Tongeren Harvey joined the Office of the Prosecutor at the Special Court of Sierra Leone, in Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa as a member of a team of prosecutors currently prosecuting war crimes alleged against 10 accused persons. In August 2006, she was assigned to the prosecution of the Charles Taylor case, which will take place in The Hague in 2007.