

**Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association
Nominated Board Slate for 2016**

Kelly Ernst

Kelly Ernst is the current President of the Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association. He is also President and Principal Consultant of The Strategic Intelligence Alliance. He received his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, studying program evaluation and administration in human services, from the University of Calgary. He completed the Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management program at Harvard Business School. He was Senior Program Director at the Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership. Previously he was the Canadian Outcomes Research Institute's first President and CEO. He is the past Chairperson and Secretary General of the Basic Income Canada Network. He has also sat on executive positions of various non-profit boards. He has fought for human rights and civil liberties in various capacities over the past 3 decades. In 2015, through the work with RMCLA, he won the 2015 Alberta Civil Liberties Human Rights Award.

Catherine Ford

Catherine Ford had a 40-year career on newspapers across Canada, retiring in 2004 as national columnist for the then-CanWest chain of newspapers, based at the Calgary Herald. Prior to that, she was Associate Editor of the Calgary Herald, editorial-page columnist and editorial writer. She was awarded a Southam Fellowship at the University of Toronto and subsequently worked for Southam News as the Ontario Correspondent, based in Toronto.

Ford is the winner of ten Western Ontario Newspaper Awards, including the Joan May Trophy for columnists; is a National Media Award winner for the Canadian Association for the Advancement for Women and Sports and holds an International Fire Fighters' media award.

Her non-fiction book, *Against The Grain: An Irreverent View of Alberta* was published in 2005. She is a former member of the board of directors of the National Conference of Editorial Writers, and a former member of the board of directors for Media Magazine.

In 2005, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Calgary and for a number of years taught a course on mass media. She received the 2006 Freedom of Expression award and the 2006 Bob Edwards Award. She is a member of the board of directors of both the CanLearn Society and the RMCLA.

Sharon Polsky

Sharon Polsky, MAPP, is President of AMINA Corp., president of the Privacy and Access Council of Canada, and Editor-in-Chief of *The Winston Report*, the foremost quarterly journal devoted to information access, privacy protection and data governance in Canada. She is frequently invited to speak at conferences about the privacy implications and unintended consequences of emerging laws, technologies and global trends upon individuals and organizations, and has presented submissions before the Canadian Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on privacy implications of proposed federal legislation; to the Information Commissioner of Canada addressing the modernization of federal privacy and access laws; and to Legislative committees about the privacy impacts of proposed provincial legislation. She helped define the Competency and Certification Standards for the profession, and has taught at organizations and post-secondary institutions since 2001. Her insights are sought after by mainstream media including CTV, CBC Radio, Montreal Gazette, Edmonton Journal, Canada.com, Calgary Sun, Corus Entertainment, and professionals journals including Canadian HR Reporter. Sharon was an Executive Member of the Canadian Bar Association Alberta Privacy and Access Law Section (2010-2012) and serves on several Board and national advisory committees, and was appointed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to be a Privacy by Design Ambassador.

Trudy Govier

Trudy Govier taught in the Philosophy Departments at Trent University from 1971 to 1982 and at the University of Lethbridge from 2005 to 2012. Trudy was a founding member of Project Ploughshares Calgary and has also worked for Healthy Calgary, the United Way of Calgary, and the Better Business Bureau of Calgary. In addition to being on the board of RMCLA, Trudy is on the board of the Apeiron Society and offers seminars for the Calgary Association for Lifelong Learners. Trudy was involved with the Alberta Civil Liberties Association (RMCLA's precursor organization) and co-authored RMCLA's "Nonviolent Dissent in Connection with the 2002 G8 in Calgary and Kananaskis Alberta." She is a distinguished author and has published more than a dozen books. Her work includes, "A Practical Study of Argument" which is now in its 7th edition. She has also won the 2012 Distinguished Academic Award from the Confederation of Alberta Faculty Association (CAFA). As noted when she won this award, "Dr. Govier, in [her] long and distinguished career, has made to the wider community beyond the academy, through her pioneering scholarly work in the field of argument theory and informal logic, and her active engagement with difficult questions arising from concepts such as trust, forgiveness, and reconciliation, in relation to social and ethical problems in the 'real world'." For more on Trudy, see: <https://www.ualberta.ca/CAFA/award-2012.html>

Nitin Kumar Srivastava

Nitin Srivastava is currently a Student-at-Law at the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre (ACLRC). He has recently completed his LL.M in Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law from the University of Calgary. During the program, he received the 2015 Graduate Student Achievement Scholarship Award by the Alberta Government. Nitin co-authored a paper with Professor Shaun Fluker, University of Calgary, on the issue relating to public participation in federal EAs under the *CEAA, 2012*; presented it in the 5th Biennial Conference organised by the Journal of Environmental Law & Practice (JELP) and is to be published in JELP Vol- 29. Along with his studies, he kept himself actively involved with the local community in Calgary through his volunteer work at the ACLRC, CLG, Lawyers-ASSIST, CRIEC, Habitat for Humanity etc. As a volunteer at the ACLRC, Nitin worked on issues relating to the public access to administrative tribunals and boards in Alberta, refugee rights and privacy rights.

Prior to coming to Canada, he practised law in India. Nitin has assisted Additional Solicitor General and Senior Advocates before the Supreme Court of India on matters related to various aspects of law, including the rights of LGBTs in India. He holds an LL.B degree from Delhi University and a B.A in political science and geography from Bundelkhand University, India.

Informal Board Partnerships

The RMCLA Board of Directors is recommending two informal partnerships that include annual invitations from organizations to recommend people for the board of directors. The organizational partners are the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre and the Mount Royal University Civil Liberties Club.