



Justice Jill M. Copeland

Justice Jill M. Copeland was appointed to the Court of Appeal for Ontario in March 2022. Prior to her appointment to the Court of Appeal, Justice Copeland served on the Superior Court of Justice (2017 to 2022), and the Ontario Court of Justice (2014 to 2017). Justice Copeland presides in both official languages.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Justice Copeland practised law in the areas of criminal, constitutional, and administrative law for 19 years, with Ruby & Edwardh, Sack Goldblatt Mitchell LLP, and as counsel to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. She appeared before all levels of court in trials and appeals, including numerous appeals in the Supreme Court of Canada and the Ontario Court of Appeal. She also appeared before a variety of administrative tribunals.

From 2007 to 2010, Justice Copeland served as Executive Legal Officer to the Chief Justice of Canada. In that role, she served as the principal advisor to the Chief Justice, and assisted her with the administration of the Supreme Court of Canada, the Canadian Judicial Council, and the National Judicial Institute.

Justice Copeland was called to the bar in 1995. She obtained her LL.B. in 1992, from the University of Toronto, where she was awarded the Dean's Key and graduated with academic honours. She obtained her LL.M. from Columbia University in 2001, graduating as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Justice Copeland began her legal career as a law clerk to the Honourable Peter Cory of the Supreme Court of Canada.