

## **Author's Bio – Colin McNairn**

I was born in Hamilton, Ontario in 1939. I earned degrees from McMaster (B.A.), Western (LL.B.) and Harvard (LL.M.). I have enjoyed a career as a law professor (U of T; 1967-1975), a practising lawyer (Dentons Canada; 1975-2001), an adjudicator (Vice Chair, and then Chair, of the Financial Services Tribunal of Ontario; 2000- 2010) and a writer. In my years as a law teacher, I held a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for International Understanding, in the role of tutor at the University of Dar es Salaam (1963-64), and a Canada Council Leave Fellowship, in the role of senior research associate at the University of Melbourne (1973-74). In the course of my legal career, I have also served as Book Review Editor of the University of Toronto Law Journal (1972-75), Research Director of the Parliamentary Committee on Equality Rights (1985), Director of the Insurance Legislation Review Project of Ontario (1989-91) and as a Consultant to the Insurance Control Commission of Lebanon on the development of a new insurance law (2003-2004).

I have published several articles on subjects falling within areas of the law that I taught, including constitutional law, administrative law and environmental law. My first book was about governmental immunity. It was published by the University of Toronto Press in 1977 and by the Australian National University Press in 1978. Subsequently, I was the co-author of four books on freedom of information and the protection of privacy, each of which was published by either LexisNexis Canada or Carswell/Thomson Reuters Canada. I was also the editor of an annual volume of federal insurance legislation, regulations and guidelines (1994-2013) published by Carswell/Thomson Reuters Canada.

Since my retirement from the law, I have had four books published, two about language and two collections of light verse; as follows

*In a Manner of Speaking: Phrases, Expressions, and Proverbs and How We Use and Misuse Them* (New York: Skyhorse Publishing, 2015)

*Sports Talk: How It Has Penetrated Our Everyday Language* (self- published using the services of FriesenPress, 2017)

*Signs of the Times through Reimagined Nursery Rhymes* (American Fork, Utah: Kelsay Books, 2021)

*What If Jack Wasn't So Nimble: Mother Goose Characters Reimagined* (self-published using the services of FriesenPress, 2022)

My charitable activities have included serving as a board member of the Lionel Gelber Foundation (1989-99), which awarded the annual Lionel Gelber Book Prize, and of the International Defence Fund for Southern Africa, Canada (1989-91). I have also served, at various times, as a director, president or honorary life counsel of CODE, an international development organization in the literacy field (1975-87, 1991 to date). I received the Lewis Perinbam Award for 1996 in recognition of my work in the field of international development.

Further information can be found on my author's Website at [www.colinmcnairn.com](http://www.colinmcnairn.com).