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**Joy Casey** is a founder of A Call to Action Canada: Diversity in the Legal Profession.

She is a practising litigation lawyer and also General Counsel with Aurora Holdings Co. Ltd., a start up company in the alternative energy and video technologies fields.

Joy graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto and was called to the Bar in 1986. She articulated with Blake, Cassels & Graydon and continued with the firm in the litigation department until 1993. Since then she has been an independent practitioner, focusing on commercial litigation and employment law.

## **Professional Experience**

Joy has been involved in a wide variety of commercial litigation matters, including:

- shareholder rights and proceedings under the "oppression" provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*; partnership disputes; commercial fraud; breach of fiduciary obligations and misuse of confidential information; misrepresentation and issues arising out of banking and negotiable instruments
- contract disputes, insurance and property damage claims, mortgage enforcement, creditor claims, and various issues arising in the entertainment industry, including claims under the *Competition Act*.

Joy has also acted for clients in estate litigation, defamation actions and claims against lawyers for negligence and breach of duty.

In the employment law field, Joy has;

- acted for employers and employees in wrongful dismissal actions, advised on severance arrangements and employment contracts and litigated Employment Standards issues
- represented employers dealing with former employees who have misappropriated corporate assets, misused confidential information or sought to compete in breach of their obligations.

Joy has extensive court experience, at both trial and appellate levels, and in dealing with strategic interim proceedings such as injunctions, "civil search warrant" orders, and interim costs claims. She takes a practical and results-oriented approach to resolving claims, whether in litigation or through alternative dispute resolution processes.

### **Professional and Community Activities**

- Member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Toronto Lawyer's Association.
- Founder of A Call to Action Canada, an initiative to promote diversity in the legal profession
- Past instructor of Professional Responsibility and Legal Writing at the Bar Admission Course
- Past Chair/Executive Member of the Feminist Legal Analysis Section and of the Gender Issues, Submissions and Academic Legal Education Committees of the Ontario Bar Association
- Promoter of clear language and the need for the legal profession to address issues of functional illiteracy

### **Background**

Before going to law school, Joy completed an Honours B.A. in languages and a Master's degree in Classics and worked towards a Ph.D. at the University of Toronto. While a graduate student, she also taught Classics at the Universities of Waterloo and Western Ontario.

Joy enjoys practising law in the heart of Toronto and lives on a farm with her greatest loves - her horses, dogs, cat and husband Michael.