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Honorary Degree Nomination

Background and Process

SUBMISSION CLOSING DATE: March 6, 2026

This form is for those individuals who wish to nominate a candidate for a Justice Institute of British Columbia Honorary Degree. Information on the process and criteria for Honorary Degrees is provided below as well as the nomination information required including:

- Nominator and Nominee information
- Statement of Endorsement of the Nominee
- Nominee Background Information

Submissions for nominations will be considered on an annual basis. Normally, one degree is conferred at each of two Convocation ceremonies per year. Both Convocation ceremonies in 2026 are scheduled on June 11, 2026. The nominations are reviewed by the Honorary Degree Committee, with recommendations going forward to the Board of Governors for approval at the March Board meeting. The Honorary Degrees will be awarded according to a schedule determined by the President's Office in consultation with approved candidates.

Please complete as much information as you can based on the information you have about the nominee in the provided form. Note that not all categories in the *Nominee Background Information* may apply to every nominee; incomplete information is not a barrier to submission.

Submissions are requested by **March 6, 2026** and should be emailed to Krupali Rao at krao@jibc.ca. For further information please contact Krupali at 236.881.9148.

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Criteria and Procedures for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees

Context

Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) has chosen to confer a Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa* (LLD) to deserving recipients to recognize persons who have excelled in their contributions and accomplishments and whose excellence will reflect positively on JIBC, its students and alumni. The degree affirms the recipient's connection to the work of JIBC and the communities it serves consistent with the vision and mission of the Institute. As such, recipients shall have exemplary character, and the highest standards of personal and professional integrity.

The awarding of honorary degrees is intended to encourage a standard of excellence and innovation that is exemplary to students, faculty and staff, and to society generally. Recipients are to exhibit a record of outstanding distinction and achievement, connected to the work of the Institute, and the communities it serves.

There are four general categories of people upon whom the Institute may confer honorary degrees:

1. Individuals who have made outstanding and sustained contributions to justice and public safety in British Columbia or Canada.
2. Individuals who are distinguished in their field.
3. Individuals who have distinguished reputations in the area of public service at the provincial, national or international level.
4. Individuals who have made significant and noteworthy contributions to JIBC and/or the Province of British Columbia.

Other information and restrictions:

1. The distinction and achievement should be consistent with the Vision and Mission of the Institution – [click here](#).
2. There should be clear evidence that the nominee's contributions are innovative, beyond the norm, and characteristic of a leader in the field.
3. Achievements may include contributions at the municipal, provincial, national or international levels.
4. Nominations are submitted in confidence. ***The nominee should not be informed of their nomination.***
5. Persons holding political office (municipal, provincial or federal), a current appointment with JIBC, or who are current employees at JIBC, are not eligible for consideration for honorary degrees until two (2) years after the completion of their last regular appointment.
6. Successful candidates will be informed in writing by the President. All communication with nominators, successful and unsuccessful will be undertaken by the President's Office.