

LORNE WALDMAN

Based out of his office in Toronto, Lorne Waldman LL.B. (Osgoode), LL.M (Toronto) practices exclusively in the area of immigration and refugee law, and has done so since 1979.

In addition to his practice in Toronto, Mr. Waldman works closely with Larlee Rosenberg lawyers on complex immigration and human rights issues. He is available to work with Larlee Rosenberg clients in Vancouver and across the country, as needed.

Mr. Waldman has appeared very frequently at all levels of the courts in Canada, including the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal where he has argued many of the leading cases in immigration and refugee law.

Mr. Waldman successfully acted as co counsel for Maher Arar at the public inquiry into the circumstances behind his deportation from the United States to Syria where he was subjected to brutal torture. The Public Inquiry concluded that there was absolutely no evidence that Mr. Arar was involved in any illegal activities.

He acted for the Canadian Bar Association at the recent Supreme Court hearings in the case of Charkaoui where the Supreme Court struck down the Security Certificates. He has also appeared for the CBA as one of the spokesperson on national security issues at hearings into the Review of the Anti Terrorism Legislation and assisted in the writing of the CBA briefs on the Anti Terrorism Legislation to the Parliamentary And Senate Committees.

In August, 2007 he was awarded the Louis St Laurent award by the CBA for his contribution to the legal profession.

He was one of four class counsel in the successful class action launched to challenge the retroactivity provisions of the regulations that were promulgated for skilled workers under IRPA, the Razolzadeh case. The success of the class action forced the government to rescind its policy on retroactivity a decision that benefited over 100,000 persons who were seeking to come to Canada.

He has also appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada where he successfully argued the Pushpanathan appeal before that court in 1998. That precedent setting case dealt with the interpretation of the Exclusion Clauses of the United Nations Refugee Convention. The Court accepted the Appellant's argument that the exclusion clauses should be given a narrow interpretation.

He represented the Senate of the Republic of Italy as an intervener before the Supreme Court of Canada in the Burns and Rafay appeal where the Court concluded that extradition to the possibly face the death penalty violated the principles of fundamental justice. This is the only time that an entity representing a foreign government was granted intervener standing in a Charter case in Canada.

He has been appointed as an adjunct professor of law at both Osgoode Hall Law Schools and at the University of Ottawa Law School. At Osgoode he taught immigration law and a seminar



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on National Security and Human Rights. At the University of Ottawa he has co taught a seminar on Anti Terrorism Law with Professor Craig Forcese.

He is the author and editor of Immigration Law and Practice, a two volume, loose leaf service published by Butterworth's Canada in 1992. Immigration Law and Practice has often been cited as an authority by the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal and on also by the Supreme Court of Canada. In addition to authoring Immigration Law and Practice Mr. Waldman has authored two other works—The Definition of Convention Refugee published by Butterworths in 2001 and Canadian Immigration and Refugee Practice, a work that includes a Commentary and case digests on the New Immigration and Refugee Protection Act which was first published in October of 2005 by Butterworths together with the new Act and Regulations. It is published annually with updates to case digests and commentary.