

September 2015 Spotlight - JOHN STAPLE MIR'91



John Staple retired as Deputy General Secretary of the Canadian Teachers' Federation in May, 2011, capping a career in education and labour relations spanning over 42 years. As Deputy General Secretary of CTF he played a critical role in overseeing financial and administrative functions, including program development, advocacy and partnership building. In roles at both the CTF and the Newfoundland & Labrador

Teachers' Association John was heavily involved in labour relations issues including collective bargaining and contract administration. He served as a nominee on Conciliation and Arbitration Boards for teacher organizations in a number of provincial jurisdictions throughout his time with CTF.

John holds a Masters Degree in Education from Memorial University of Newfoundland and a Masters Degree in Industrial Relations from Queen's University. The focus of his research and course work while at Queen's was in the area of labour law, particularly as it applies to education work environments.

In the spring of 2011, John was confirmed as an honorary life member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association, joining a group of 42 distinguished Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who have received this honor. John was also made honorary life member of the Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education, and, was the recipient of the 2011 New Brunswick Teachers' Association Special Recognition Award, the first time this award has been conferred on a person from outside the province of New Brunswick.

Since retiring from the Canadian Teachers' Federation, John has taught courses at Queen's University, as a visiting adjunct professor in the Masters of Industrial Relations Program under the School of Policy Studies, and has served on conciliation and arbitration panels in a variety of cases.