



PETER W. MCBURNEY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

AWARD CRITERIA & NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE: MAY 24, 2024

Award description & criteria:

The **Peter W. McBurney Memorial Award for Professional Excellence** aims to annually recognize an intellectual property (IP) professional in Canada; an IP Agent and/or Lawyer, and member of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) who has **demonstrated excellence in their practice during the past year** in the successful prosecution of a landmark patent or trademark property, the prosecution or defense of a legal action where the result has a significant, positive effect on Canadian IP policy and/or who has made an extraordinary contribution to the IP profession.

Prize:

1. The recipient of the award will receive complimentary registration to attend this year's IPIC Annual Conference
2. The recipient will receive the recognition in front of their peers at the IPIC Awards and Gala Evening during the IPIC Annual Conference.

Nominations:

Nominations will be sought from the membership through IPIC's weekly IP Newsbreak, e-blast, and website.

How to nominate an individual:

In addition to completing the nomination form below please consider providing a letter of support (maximum two (2) pages in length) outlining the success of the nominee during the past year in their professional practice and/or the contributions of the nominee to the profession. Please send the completed form accompanied by any letter of support for consideration to Asha Labrecque, Member Services Manager at: membership@ipic.ca by **MAY 24, 2024**.



Winner Selection:

Nominations will be reviewed for consideration and the successful candidate will be selected by the IPIC Board of Directors. Sitting members of the Board are not eligible for the Award.

Award recognition:

Peter W. McBurney Memorial Award for Professional Excellence recipient receives the following recognition:

- recognized at IPIC's gala during the Annual Conference (format could change for a virtual conference).
- crystal award with name, title, and year,
- article on IPIC's website under News,
- receive special recognition in IPIC's weekly IP Newsbreak, and
- on IPIC's social media platforms.

Peter W. McBurney:

Peter W. McBurney was a member of the IPIC for 62 years and Past President of IPIC from 1985-1986. Following his graduation from university in 1957, Peter trained to become a patent agent in the patent department of Canadian General Electric in Toronto, Canada. He joined the IP department of McCarthy & McCarthy as a Registered Canadian and United States Patent Agent (1959) and a Registered Professional Engineer (Ontario). After 10 years, he and Donald F. Sim, Q.C., with Harold G. Fox, Q.C as counsel, founded the pre-eminent patent and trademark agency firm, Sim & McBurney, where he remained for more than 45 years in the capacity of Founding Partner, Senior Partner and finally, Senior Consultant. In 2015, he became one of the founders of Aird & McBurney, a leading Canadian intellectual property boutique and sister firm to Aird & Berlis LLP where he remained a valued and active colleague until his passing.

Peter specialized in patent and industrial design preparation and prosecution; patentability and freedom-to-operate opinions; assistance in designing to avoid infringement; and licensing in a wide range of fields, but particularly electronics. He practised directly before both the Canadian and United States Patent Offices and had wide experience in patent prosecution in other countries, particularly in Europe and Asia. He authored a number of articles pertaining to various aspects of patent practice and a sought-after speaker at seminars for clients and conferences sponsored by technical groups and societies invested in intellectual property. In addition to his multi-year involvement in the Professional Engineers Ontario and AIPPI, Peter served on the IPIC Board of Directors for 8 years.



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