

Douglas Christie

Doug Christie was called to the bar of British Columbia in 1971, and subsequently called to the bars of Alberta, Yukon, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Ontario for occasional appearances, as well as Greys Inn, London.

He is Canada's most prolific defender of free speech, having appeared in the Supreme Court of Canada in the defence of freedom of speech more times than any other counsel in Canada, where he has consistently argued against laws repressing free speech, and for individual liberty.

He has been defence counsel for the landmark cases of James Keegstra, Ernst Zundel, Malcolm Ross, John Ross Taylor, Tony McAleer (Canadian Liberty Net), and Imre Finta, all before the Supreme Court of Canada. He argued three appeals of the Ernst Zundel case until the Supreme Court struck down the "false news" law.

As defence counsel in Canada's only war crimes trial (the Imre Finta case), Mr. Christie took part in court proceedings for the defence in Hungary, Israel and Canada. After a two year investigation and a nine month trial, the accused was acquitted without calling evidence, in less than two hours. After the crown's appeal to the Supreme Court,

"Counsel to the Damned"



Mr. Christie was successful in having the law severely restricted and it has never been used again.

Mr. Christie has appeared in the Old Bailey and the Court of Appeal in London, England, in the free speech case of Lady Jane Birdwood.

He was defence counsel for Harcus and Scryba in Winnipeg on promotion of hatred charges. The case was dismissed after a two week preliminary hearing with charges pending against the police, due in large measure to

Mr. Christie's cross examination skills.

He is a major inspirational speaker for freedom, and is the General Counsel for the Canadian Free Speech League, a federally incorporated society which defends freedom of expression in Canada.

He has spoken at free speech symposia in Los Angeles, New York, Toronto, Vancouver, England, Germany and throughout Western Canada.

In 1978, he created a political movement for the Independence

of Western Canada, to escape big government, called the Western Canada Concept.

He publishes regular political commentary in the Western Separatist Papers and commentary on law in the Friends of Freedom, a publication that records and analyzes the status of freedom of expression in Canada.

He continues to advise clients around the world on publication and free speech issues.

He has succeeded in major defamation actions for the plaintiff in cases where the victim was defamed for speaking out or supporting free speech, as in the Pressler, Ross and Rocan cases.

He has been a defence counsel for many years for those that others would not defend, often for little or no fee, and has built a reputation as an outspoken defender of free speech and individual liberty. He has challenged the powers of big government, the income tax department, big banking institutions, Human Rights Commissions, social service bureaucracies, and other forces seeking to control the liberty of individuals.

Political Career

Doug Christie started as a conservative thinker, writer and student of philosophy who graduated with a double major

in political science and philosophy from the University of Winnipeg in 1967. He moved to Vancouver where he graduated in law from the University of British Columbia in 1970. He has lived in Victoria, B.C. since 1970, where he has maintained a sole proprietorship law practice in an age of giant legal corporations. He is married with two children.

Personal Development

In the early 70's, Mr. Christie was active in the Conservative party and supported the right wing of the party.

In the mid-seventies, realizing the inequities upon which Canada was founded and continues to operate, he founded the Western Canada Concept (1978). This movement is still active today. He has run in 9 provincial and 3 federal elections to advocate the separation of Western Canada and the formation of a new nation. In 2005, he was the driving force behind the formation of a federal political party to advocate Western Independence, the Western Block Party.

He continues to practice law and speak all over the world for freedom of the individual and private property. His goal is to discredit the welfare state and government bureaucracy, and

to build individual liberty and love of truth.

Mission Statement

"This is what I work for: I believe in free people, united by the love of a common ideal of liberty. I believe the state should never do for people what they can do for themselves.

"I believe in the right to discuss freely all issues of concern to individuals from politics, to religion to history. There should be no taboo topics, no state-coerced beliefs.

"The essence of human dignity and happiness is the freedom to search for truth in our own way and to be free to express what we have found, without fear. Conflict is inevitable, but all speech which does not advocate violence is a necessary part of the search for truth."

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