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RICHARD (DICK) W.D. POUND – Inducted 2025



Richard (Dick) William Duncan Pound, a name synonymous with excellence, integrity, and unwavering commitment to service, has carved an indelible mark on the worlds of sports, law, taxation, ethics, and education. His journey is a tapestry woven with remarkable achievements, showcasing a multifaceted talent and a relentless pursuit of positive change. From his athletic prowess as an Olympic swimmer to his influential leadership roles in international organizations and his contributions to legal and accounting scholarship, Dick's life reflects a dedication to making a difference.

Dick Pound's early life demonstrated a commitment to both academic and athletic pursuits. He earned a Bachelor of Commerce from McGill University in 1962, distinguishing himself as a member of the Scarlet Key Honor Society. His academic journey continued with studies at Sir George Williams University (now Concordia University) and culminated in a Bachelor of Civil Law from McGill University in 1967, where he was awarded the prestigious Carswell Company Prize. In 1964, he achieved the designation of Chartered Accountant from the Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec and a Licentiate in Accounting from McGill University, laying the foundation for his future contributions to the financial world. He was called to the Bar of the Province of Québec in 1968 and later to the Law Society of Upper Canada – Ontario Bar in 1980. In recognition of his legal expertise, he was appointed Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) in 1991.

Dick's athletic career reached its zenith in the 1960s. Representing Canada at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome as a swimmer, he experienced the thrill of competing on the world's biggest stage. His dedication and talent culminated in a gold medal at the 1962 British Empire and Commonwealth Games. This early success instilled in him a lifelong appreciation for the values of discipline, perseverance, and fair play, principles that would later guide his work in promoting ethics in sports.

Dick's legal career flourished as he became a specialist in tax law in Montreal. His expertise in this complex field led to numerous publications and contributions to legal scholarship. He authored and

edited several seminal works, including "Doing Business in Canada," "Stikeman Annotated Income Tax Act," and "Canada Tax Cases." His insights and analysis were also disseminated through "Pound's Tax Case Notes" and his role as editor of "Legal Notes" in CGA Magazine. These publications solidified his reputation as a leading authority on tax law and provided invaluable resources for legal professionals and businesses alike.

Beyond his legal practice, Dick dedicated himself to shaping the landscape of international sports governance. His long and distinguished association with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) began in 1978. Elected to the IOC Executive Board in 1983, he served as Vice-President for two terms (1987-1991 and 1996-2000). His leadership extended to chairing several key commissions, including the Olympic Games Study Commission, the Marketing Commission, and the Television Negotiations Committee. From 1983 to 2001, he assumed responsibility for all commercial matters related to television, marketing, sponsorships, licensing, and new media, playing a pivotal role in securing the financial stability of the IOC. Dick also served as an Arbitrator and Mediator of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, contributing to the resolution of disputes within the sports world.

Dick's commitment to ethical conduct in sports led to his pivotal role in the establishment of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). As the organization's first president from 1999 to 2007, he spearheaded the global fight against doping, advocating for fair play and protecting the integrity of athletic competition. His leadership was instrumental in developing and implementing the World Anti-Doping Code, a framework for harmonizing anti-doping policies and procedures worldwide. Dick's unwavering stance against doping earned him recognition as one of Time magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World." His work with WADA exemplified his dedication to upholding the values of sportsmanship and ensuring a level playing field for athletes.

Dick's contributions to education are equally noteworthy. He has been a lecturer at McGill University's Faculty of Law and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Concordia University's Department of Exercise Science. He has also been an invited lecturer at universities throughout Canada and the United States. His administrative roles at McGill University, including Governor, Chairman of the Board of Governors and Chancellor, demonstrate his commitment to his alma mater. He also chaired the McGill Fund Council, served as President of the Alumni Association, and was a director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. His involvement in educational institutions reflects his belief in the transformative power of knowledge and his desire to foster the next generation of leaders.

His dedication to education is further demonstrated by the numerous honorary doctorates he has received from universities around the world. These honors recognize his outstanding contributions to sports, law, and education, as well as his commitment to public service.

Dick's contributions extend to the business community and government. His expertise in tax law and his experience as a chartered professional accountant have made him a valuable asset in various roles, including public practice, corporate employment, and directorships in public companies. His insights and leadership have been invaluable in guiding organizations through complex financial and legal challenges.

Throughout his career, Dick has been actively involved in numerous professional organizations, including the Canadian Bar Association, the Canadian Tax Foundation, and the International Fiscal Association. He has also served on various committees and boards, contributing his expertise to the development of policies and regulations.

Dick's commitment to service extends beyond his professional endeavors. He has been actively involved in not-for-profit organizations, including educational institutions and charitable foundations. His contributions to these organizations have had a positive impact on countless lives.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements and contributions, Dick Pound has received numerous honors and awards. He is a Companion of the Order of Canada and an Officer of L'Ordre national du Québec. He has also received the Order of Sport Merit Cheonfyyong Medal from the Republic of Korea, the Order of Civil Merit from Spain, and the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star from Japan. These accolades reflect the breadth and depth of his impact on Canadian and international society.

Richard (Dick) William Duncan Pound's life is a testament to the power of dedication, integrity, and service. His accomplishments in sports, law, education, and ethics have made a lasting impact on the world. He is a role model for aspiring leaders and a source of inspiration for all who seek to make a difference. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.