

Bill Black

Mr. Black retired in 2004 after nine years as President and Chief Executive Officer of Maritime Life, where he worked for 34 years. He has been Chairman of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and served nine years on the board of the IWK Health Centre, including two as Chair.

Under Mr. Black's leadership, Maritime Life demonstrated a strong commitment to employees. The company gained a strong reputation for employee relations, appearing every year among the leaders in the Report on Business list of top 50 employers in Canada.

Mr. Black is currently involved in a number of organizations. He sits on the boards of Symphony Nova Scotia, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs, Dalhousie University, The Shaw Group, Standard Life of Canada, and Nova Scotia Business Inc. (a provincial Crown corporation). He was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Bank of Canada in October 2006.

Born in Halifax, Mr. Black graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in 1970, and completed his actuarial training in 1974.

Ronald Pink, Q.C.

A founding partner in the Halifax office of Pink Breen Larkin, Mr. Pink has a legal career spanning more than 30 years. Over the course of his practice, he has represented clients in all aspects of labour and employment law, as well as in matters of employee benefits and pensions.

Mr. Pink was recently voted one of the "Best Lawyers in Canada" for Employee Benefits and Labour and Employment Law.

Mr. Pink has been active in the Canadian Bar Association, serving as President of the Nova Scotia Branch. He has also been active in lecturing and working with other bar societies throughout Eastern Europe and Africa.

Mr. Pink has also served as Chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Committee for the Canadian Bar Association, President of the Continuing Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia, and he is a founding vice president of the Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers. He is also a Director of the Canadian Bar Insurance Association and a Director of Invest in Kids.

In 1970, Mr. Pink received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Acadia University. He received a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University in 1973, and a Master of Laws degree from the University of London in 1974. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1991.

Dick Crawford

Mr. Crawford retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of Maritime Life in 1995, after 13 years of service. He was a Director at Maritime Life from 1982-2004 and served as Chairman of The Board from 1997 – 2004. He was also Director of the Halifax International Airport Authority from 1997 – 2000.

Mr. Crawford has served his community in other capacities; As a member of the Board of Governors and as Chair of the Investment Committee at Dalhousie University. Mr. Crawford was also President of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.

Mr. Crawford graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) for Math, in 1956. He completed his actuarial training in 1965.