

## **Roland K. Laing, Q.C.**

### **Personal and Professional Profile:**

While in legal practice Rolly developed expertise in a broad range of complex, multi-party litigation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution proceedings. His emphasis was on corporate commercial matters, including oil and gas, banking, agriculture and general commercial disputes. He regularly appeared in all courts of Alberta and has experience in the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Canada as well as experience before a variety of regulatory boards, professional associations and other agencies. Although trained as a litigation specialist, he is, by disposition, a seeker of solutions.

During the period, October, 1993 to February, 1996, Rolly and his wife Pam served with Samaritan's Purse, a Christian relief organization active around the world. Part of that time was spent in Nairobi, Kenya where the Laings had leadership responsibilities relating to projects in Kenya, Rwanda (following the tribal war there in 1994) and other parts of East Africa. Other aspects of this work as well as personal interests over the years has resulted in significant international travel.

As of April 1, 2001 Rolly joined Canadian Bible College/Canadian Theological Seminary as a full time volunteer providing advice relating to the move of the schools from Regina to Calgary with a view to establishing a new university college once the move to Calgary was complete. The move to Calgary was completed in the summer of 2003. Accreditation from the Province of Alberta to offer Arts and Science degrees in the liberal arts was achieved in early 2004. The institution is now known as Ambrose University College ([www.ambrose.edu](http://www.ambrose.edu)).

As Special Advisor to the President Rolly's primary focus was on securing a new campus site in Calgary and providing leadership for the campus development team. A 40 acre site was acquired in 2002 and construction of the first phase of the new campus was completed in September 2008. Rolly continues to be involved in pursuing and maintaining relationships with potential major donors and current major donors.

### **Continuing Interests and Activities:**

With his activities on behalf of Ambrose University College now reduced Rolly continues to be active as a sometime mentor, arbitrator, mediator, committee member and as a member of the board of directors of the Canadian National Christian Foundation. The Laings have an active interest and involvement in the work of Compassion Canada and, in particular, its work in the Dominican Republic.