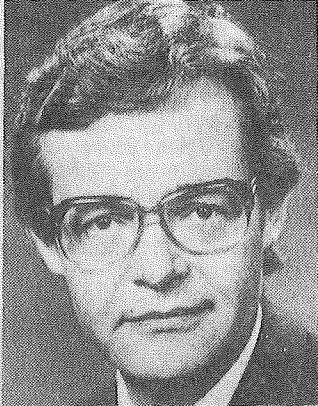


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Mississauga's Willson McTavish has been appointed Ontario's Official Guardian by the provincial Ministry of the Attorney General.

McTavish will leave his law firm of Keyser, Mason, Coleman, McTavish & Lewis and as special counsel for Peel regional toxic waste concerns for his new position Dec. 3.

The Official Guardian, who is responsible to Attorney General Roy McMurtry, provides legal services to minors, unborn and unascertained persons, mental incompetents and absentees in accordance with provisions of the Judicial Act and the Child Welfare Act.

McTavish will supervise a staff of 70 and will use the services of lawyers throughout the province who act as agents.

When contacted by *The Mississauga News*,

McTavish said he was "elated about it...very pleased" about the appointment.

He's also chairman of the Mississauga Arts Council, past president of the Peel Law Association and a former vice-president of Peel Family Services. He was called to the bar in 1964 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1979.

A member of the council of the Canadian Bar Association, Ontario Section, McTavish is also a member of the Advocates' Society, the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Lawyer's Club, Toronto. In addition, he is past chairman of the Committee of Presidents of the County and District Law Associations of Ontario.

McTavish was associate counsel to the public inquiry into the derailment of a freight train in Mississauga in November 1979.