



William G. Knight Biography

William G. Knight is the first Commissioner of the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC). He was appointed on November 1, 2001 to a five-year term with FCAC. As Commissioner, Mr. Knight examines matters relating to federal consumer protection laws and reports to Parliament through the Minister of Finance. The Commissioner ensures that FCAC achieves its mandate: to help build a fair and competitive marketplace by protecting and informing consumers of financial products and services.

Mr. Knight is an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation and a member of the Board's Governance Committee. He is a member of the Financial Institutions Supervisory Committee (FISC), chaired by the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, and of the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC), chaired by the Deputy Minister of Finance.

From 1995 to 2001, Mr. Knight was President and CEO of Credit Union Central of Canada, where he undertook a number of strategic initiatives to increase the national visibility and flexibility of the credit union system. He served as chairman of the Board of Directors for the Credential Group and as chair of the Credit Union Institute of Canada. Mr. Knight was also chair of Credit Union Central's CEO Committee and of the World Council of Credit Unions' CEO Advisory Committee.

Prior to joining Credit Union Central of Canada, Mr. Knight held a number of senior management positions, including principal secretary to political leaders at both the provincial and federal levels. He is a former Member of Parliament for the riding of Assiniboia and has served on the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance. Mr. Knight served as a federally appointed Commissioner on the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform and Party Finance.

Mr. Knight belongs to the Queen's University School of Policy Studies Advisory Council. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Public Policy Forum, the Canadian Payments Association and the Ontario International Trade Corporation. He was a member of the CEO External Resources Group for the Ontario Ministry of Education. Mr. Knight also served as chair of Ethical Fund Inc.

Mr. Knight has made presentations to international audiences on public affairs and financial services. He has been a guest speaker at Harvard University, Oxford University and Queen's University. Mr. Knight also attended the Directors' Consortium, a session on corporate governance held jointly by the Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania), the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business and Stanford Law School.

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