



David Zussman, Commissioner

On June 10, 2004, Mr. David Zussman was confirmed as a part-time Commissioner of the Public Service Commission of Canada to hold office for a term of seven years.

Mr. Zussman has had a varied career in government, the private sector and in academia and is a recognized authority on public sector management, public administration and public policy. He has been closely involved in some of the most exciting developments in Canada in public sector governance and alternative service delivery over the past 15 years.

In August 2005, Mr. Zussman joined the University of Ottawa as the first recipient of the Stephen Jarislowsky Chair for Public Sector Management. In this capacity, he will focus on research, teaching and public programs in public management, governance and accountability.

Mr. Zussman has also served in a number of other positions at the University of Ottawa, including Assistant and Associate Dean of Graduate Programs (School of Management) and Dean of the School of Management from 1988 to 1992. During that time he was a Professor of Public Policy and Management and taught in the Executive MBA Program until 2004. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Canberra (Australia).

From 2003 to 2005, Mr. Zussman was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at EKOS Research Associates Inc.

In 1995, Mr. Zussman joined the Public Policy Forum, an organization committed to bridging the gap between government, business, labour and the voluntary sector. He was appointed President in 1996, and remained in that position until 2003.

In 1994, he was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet for Program Review and Machinery of Government, to help the government implement its commitment to a fundamental review of federal spending. In 1993, Mr. Zussman was responsible for the transition of the newly elected government.

Mr. Zussman has published articles and books on public management and policy making in Canada, and is the author and co-author of many publications, including *Alternate Service Delivery: Sharing Governance in Canada* and *The Vertical Solitude: Managing in the Public Service*. He writes a monthly public policy column for the *Ottawa Citizen*.

He sits on numerous public and private sector advisory boards and boards of directors. In 2003, he was awarded the Public Service Citation Award by the Association of Professional Executives of the Public Service of Canada (APEX).