# **ANSWER KEY**

### Word Search

Solution: "Highest court in Canada"

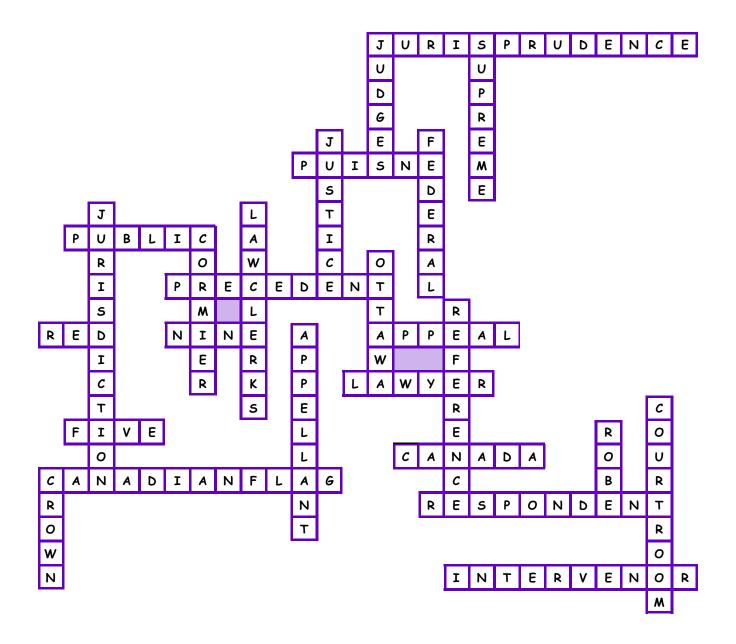
### True or False Questions

- 1. **False** The Canadian flag on the east flies only when the court is sitting. The flag that flies on the west is hoisted daily.
- 2. True The statues of "Justice" and "Truth" were created by Canadian sculptor Walter S. Allward and were intended to be a part of a memorial to King Edward VII of Britain. In 1920, Mr. Allward was asked to sculpt the Vimy Ridge Memorial in France. The memorial to King Edward VII was never completed and the statues were forgotten. They were found in crates buried under a Public Works parking lot in 1969.
- 3. **False** Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada can remain in office until the age of 75, at which time, they must retire.
- 4. **True** The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on March 30, 1989. On January 7, 2000, she was elevated to the position of Chief Justice of Canada, making her the first woman in Canadian history to hold this office.
- 5. **False** The Court was originally composed of 6 judges. In 1927, the number was increased to 7 and in 1949, the number was increased to the current number of nine.

### What do they do?

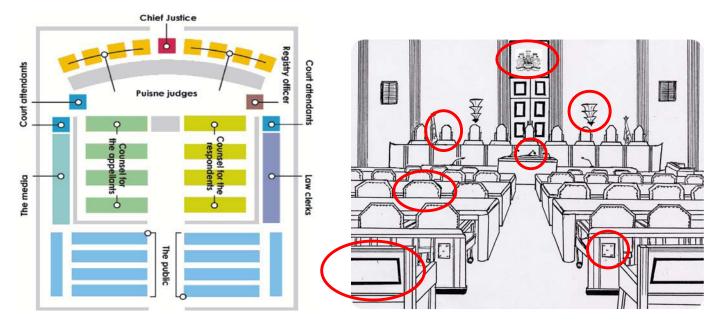
1-D; 2-A; 3-F; 4-H; 5-B; 6-G; 7-C; 8-E

## Crossword Puzzle



#### Main Courtroom

### Spot the differences



### Multiple Choice Questions

- C There are nine judges on the Supreme Court of Canada.
- 2. **C** On March 4, 1982, the Honourable Bertha Wilson became the first woman to be appointed judge to the Supreme Court of Canada.
- 3. **B** The Court receives between 550 and 650 applications for leave to appeal every year.
- 4. A The judges wear black silk robes at hearings. They wear ceremonial robes of bright scarlet trimmed with Canadian white mink only in the Senate at the opening of new sessions of Parliament, or at the Court on special occasions, such as when a new judge is sworn in.
- 5. **B** The cornerstone was laid by Queen Elizabeth in the presence of her husband, King George VI, on May 20, 1939. The inscription says "May 19, 1939", which was the intended date; however, the ship carrying the King and Queen arrived in Ottawa a day late, due to heavy ice in the water

### The Judges

The Supreme Court consists of the Chief Justice and  $\underline{8}$  puisne Judges. The Judges are appointed by the Governor in Council from among superior court judges or Canadians who have been lawyers for at least  $\underline{10}$  years. A Judge holds office during good behaviour, until he or she retires or attains the age of  $\underline{75}$  years.

The Supreme Court Act provides that of the  $\underline{9}$ ,  $\underline{3}$  judges are appointed from Quebec. Traditionally,  $\underline{3}$  judges are appointed from Ontario,  $\underline{2}$  from the West and  $\underline{1}$  from the Atlantic provinces. The Judges must devote themselves exclusively to their judicial duties and they must reside within  $\underline{40}$  km thereof.

The current Chief Justice is the Right Honourable Beverly McLachlin, who is the first woman to hold this position in the history of our country. She was appointed Chief Justice of Canada on January  $\underline{7}$ , 2000.