

PERSONAL BIO ROCCO GALATI
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- **ROCCO GALATI, B.A., LL.B., LL.M.** is a Constitutional lawyer in Toronto, Canada. He is a senior member of the Ontario Bar with 34 years of litigation experience and the Founder and Executive Director of the *Constitutional Rights Centre Inc. (CRC)* in Canada. He has and continues to act on high-profile and public interest cases primarily against governments.
- Rocco has been named one of the Top 25 Influential Lawyers, by Canadian Lawyer Magazine for two years in a row (2014 and 2015). He was awarded the Ontario Bar Association President's Award in 2015 an honour bestowed by Ontario lawyers, he was elected Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario (2015-2019), a member of the Law Society Tribunal (2015-2019) and is a member of Canadian Who's Who (since 2011).
- He has appeared and litigated **well over 2,000 cases against governments**. He has litigation experience at all level of Canadian Courts, including Tax Court, the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal, all levels of Ontario Courts; other Provincial Superior Courts, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada. (He has litigated in several provinces including Ontario, BC, Alberta, Manitoba, and Quebec). He holds a Master degree (L.L.M.) in Tax Law.
- As counsel he has well over 400 reported cases in the jurisprudence.
- From 1987 to 1990 he worked for the Department of Justice and has since been in private practice. Some notable cases at the Supreme Court of Canada include *Baker v. Canada*, a seminal case on administrative and constitutional law; *Tremblay, et al v. A.G. Quebec*, a Constitutional challenge to the security measures for the 3rd Summit of the Americas where 34 heads of state met in Quebec City behind a parameter fence to keep Canadian citizens out; *Mahjoub v. Canada*, Constitutional challenge to secret trials conducted by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service; *Fogal et al v. Canada*, whether the Federal Executive has the power to negotiate trade treaties in secret without parliamentary supervision or framework under the proposed MAI; *Galati v. Mcguinty and A.G. of Ontario*, whether the nomination process of the registered political parties is subject to the Constitution. The *Canadian Human Rights Institute et al v. Canada*, whether the federal government can expropriate provincial waters, at Nanoose Bay, so the US Navy can torpedo, 4 miles from Vancouver, from nuclear-powered submarines; the *Nadon Reference (SCC)* which successfully challenged the Government's appointment of a judge to the Supreme Court of Canada as unconstitutional, as well as the *Mainville Reference (SCC)* another challenge to judicial appointment. He also achieved historical legal victories: in *Felipa (FCA)*, a successful challenge to the Chief Justice's appointment of retired judges; in *Geza (FCA)* expanding the doctrine of reasonable apprehension of bias in decision-making where Constitutional rights are engaged and set a new precedent regarding *habeas corpus* in the case of *Wang* at the Ontario Court of Appeal. He is currently engaged in Constitutional litigation challenging the government's COVID mandates and measures.
- Rocco is the co-author of books and publications. He presents regularly, at various Law and other Conferences, as well as Law Schools, Universities and High Schools, across Canada (1999-present).

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- He speaks six languages: Calabrian, English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Italian (Florentine dialect of Latin). (Currently learning Urdu).