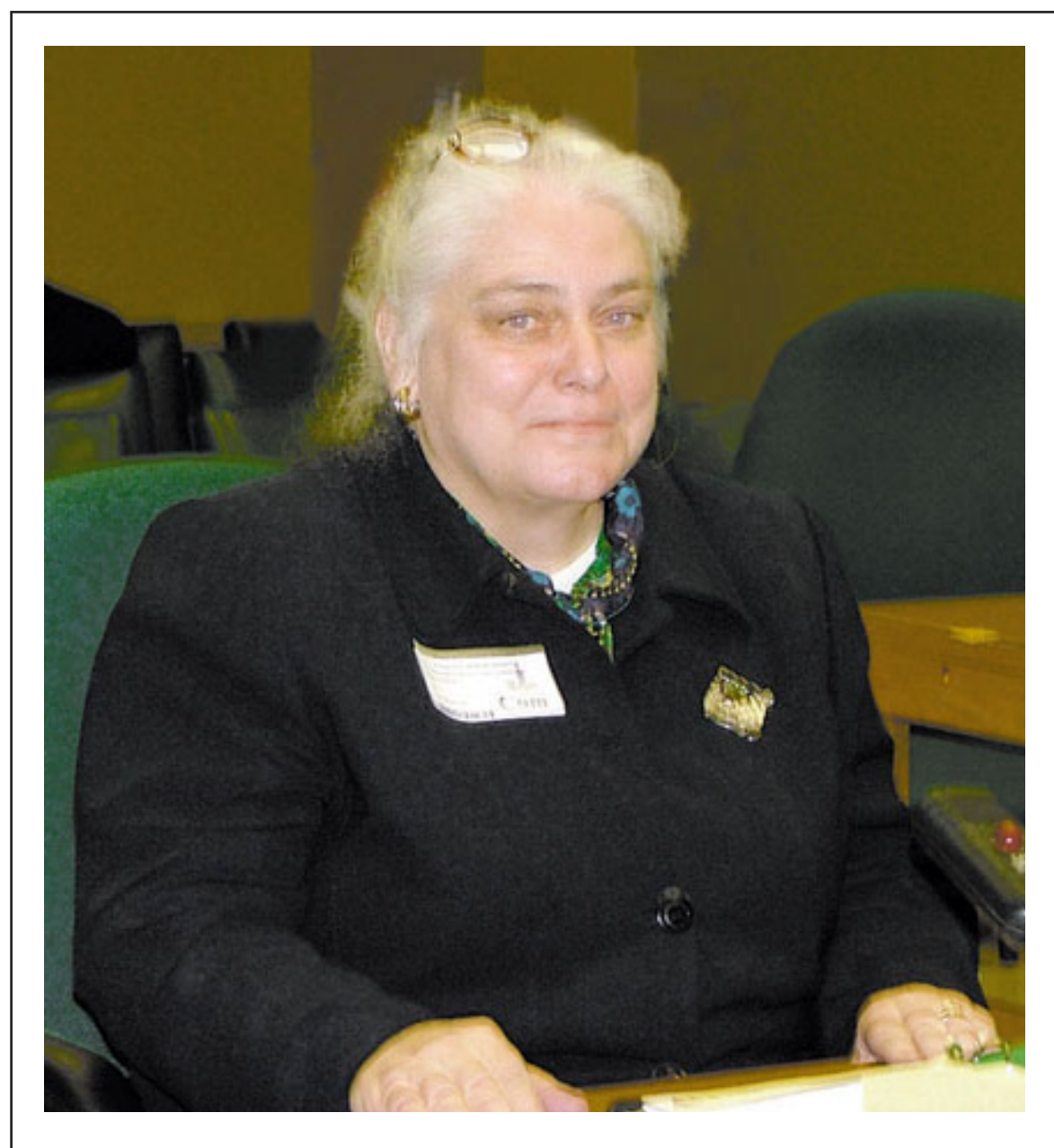


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“ We have a legal system. Whether it delivers justice is up to us. ”

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As counsel to Doris Anderson and the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, she was deeply involved in the framing of the guarantees of equality in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. She acted for the Ad Hoc Committee of Canadian Women on the Constitution with respect to the Meech Lake Accord and the Succession Reference, and for the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) with respect to the Charlottetown Accord. She is a co-founder of LEAF, acting as the first head of its National Legal Committee, and has been litigation counsel for NWAC for 18 years. She has appeared in the Supreme Court of Canada, for LEAF and other equality-seeking clients, in many of the major equality cases since the coming into force of section 15.

She has taught law at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto and held the Gordon Henderson Chair in Human Rights at the University of Ottawa, and writes and lectures on equality in Canada and abroad. Recognition of her work includes the Law Society Medal and the Governor General's Award in Honour of the Persons Case. Mary has a daughter, two sons, and a granddaughter, who is helping her to determine priorities for the next 35 years.