

Marek Malicki

(b. 1948)

Lawyer, judge, community activist



Marek Malicki was born in Britain and brought to Canada by his parents in 1952, at the age of four. After graduating from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto in 1973, he joined his father's law practice which developed into the well-known firm Malicki & Malicki. He is the director of the Peel County Law Association, a judge in the Small Claims Court, a member of the Council of the Ontario Bar Association, and of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism. He has been the president of the Ontario Multilingual Press Association, vice-president of the Canadian Ethnocultural Council, and counsel for the Canadian Hispanic Congress, representing seven hundred thousand Canadians of Spanish and Latin American descent. Multitalented, Marek Malicki has also long participated both as an actor and as president in the Open Experience Theatre, which has won numerous awards in the Ontario Multicultural Theatre Festival. He has as well sponsored, coached and managed young people's hockey, baseball and soccer teams, has been a scoutmaster, and is a winner of the Ontario Volunteer Award.

Malicki has been active in the Polish community for many years. He was a founder, and for six years president of the World Polonia Council, which represents the many communities of the Polish diaspora. For thirteen years, he was the director of the Canadian Polish Congress, representing eight hundred thousand Polish Canadians, and has remained deeply engaged in its activities ever since. He was one of the founders of the Millennium Fund, a charitable society established in 1966 to commemorate a thousand years of Christianity in Poland. He also initiated the construction of the Katyn memorial in Toronto, to commemorate the murder of nearly nineteen thousand Polish officers by the Soviet secret police in 1941.

Malicki has been the president of the Polish Society of Music, and Chairman of the Board of *Polish Voice*, Canada's oldest ethnic newspaper. He was until recently the director and a member of the legal committee of Copernicus Lodge, a retirement home for Polish Canadians in Toronto.

Photos from top left clockwise:
• Judge Marek Malicki • Cracow, 1992 – meeting of representatives of the Polish diaspora; M. Malicki standing in front next to Edward Moskal, president of the Polish American Congress, behind him Tadeusz Gawin, founder of the Association of Poles in Belarus • Blessing the banner of a Branch of the Polish Canadian Women's Federation at St. Casimir's Church • Monument to Polish Scouts who died in WW 2, Barry's Bay, opening ceremony
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