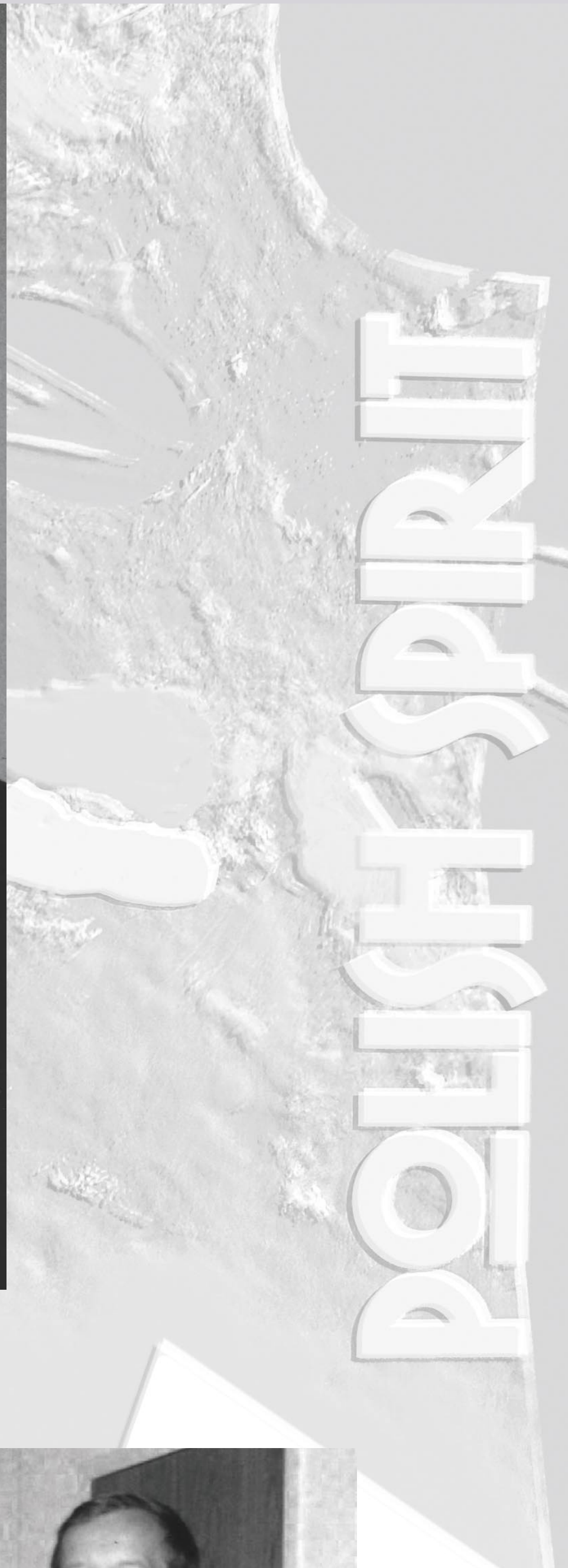


Pawel I. B. Staniszewski

(b. 1925)

Lawyer, judge, philanthropist



Pawel Staniszewski was born to Polish parents in Montreal, and raised in the spirit of Polish patriotism, learning not only English and French, but also Polish. In 1954, he graduated from Osgood Hall Law School in Toronto, and a year later became a partner in a law firm. In 1967, the then Minister of Justice Pierre Trudeau offered him the position of judge in the District Court of Windsor County. His nomination confirmed by Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, Staniszewski served as district judge for thirteen years, until in 1990 he was named judge of the Supreme Court of the Province of Ontario.

Staniszewski's contacts with the Polish Canadian Congress date back to 1946, when he became the youngest ever Secretary General of its Board, and then in 1959 President of its Toronto Branch. Among many community actions of the Congress in which he was instrumental was his chairing the Aid Fund for the Flood Victims in Poland which collected as much as two hundred thousand dollars to be distributed among the worst sufferers.

Staniszewski is well known as a philanthropist. He endowed three scholarships in his name at the University of Windsor, worth one thousand dollars each, and Osgoode Hall administers two more Staniszewski scholarships for outstanding law students. But the list of Ontario community organizations to which he contributed and keeps contributing funds is much longer, among them St. Mary's Family Learning Centre, Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation, Ontario Divisions of Canadian Cancer Society and Starlight Star Bright, Make a Wish Foundation of Southern Ontario, Canadian Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Children's Wish Foundation, Autism Society of Ontario, Boy Scouts of Windsor and Vincent de Paul Windsor Food Bank.

One of the streets of the town of Windsor has been named Staniszewski Road in his honour.



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• Pawel Staniszewski, judge of the Supreme Court of the Province of Ontario • The street in Windsor named in honour of P. Staniszewski • *Our Canada*, a recent publication by P. Staniszewski • With Father Wnuk, another prominent resident of Windsor
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