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**Carole Geller, LL.B., LL.M.
1933–1987**

Carole Geller, a tireless activist in the feminist and human rights movements, died at home in Toronto on November 8, 1987 after a long and courageous struggle with cancer. Originally from Winnipeg, Carole had been President of the Manitoba Voice of Women and a municipal candidate for the New Democratic Party. She was appointed the first Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission in 1973 where she organized the commission, designing the most progressive human rights legislation in Canada at that time. After studying law in Toronto, Carole returned to Winnipeg to become the first Executive Director of the Pay Equity Bureau, Department of Labour. Just before she died, Carole was awarded her LL.M. degree, based in part on her thesis, "Equality in Employment for Women: The Role of Affirmative Action." Her struggle to win justice for women in the workplace and in society and to protect the rights of all minorities are Carole's most significant contributions.

The *Canadian Human Rights Reporter* has established an award to honour the contribution Carole Geller made to progressive work in the human rights field over twenty years. The award in her name will honour activists and advocates whose contributions to the improvement of rights often receive no official recognition. Each year this award will be given to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of rights for disadvantaged Canadians or to developments in the human rights field. Donations may be sent to the Carole Geller Human Rights Award, *Canadian Human Rights Reporter*, #213—810 West Broadway, Vancouver, British Columbia V5Z 4C9.