

Professor Errol P. Mendes, Short Form Biography

Professor Mendes is a lawyer, author, professor and adviser to NGOs, corporations, government and the United Nations. His teaching, research and consulting interests include corporate law and governance, global governance, international business and trade law, constitutional law, international law (including anti-terrorism laws and policies) and human rights law and policy. He has been a Project leader for, conflict resolution, governance and justice projects in China, Thailand, Indonesia, Brazil, El Salvador, Sri Lanka and India. Professor Mendes is a frequent speaker and media commentator on corporate governance, international trade, business and government ethics, constitutional and human rights topics across Canada and the world and has lectured on these topics in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America. He has been invited to present numerous briefs to the Parliament of Canada and has acted as an adviser to the government of Canada in these areas.

Professor Mendes has also been an adviser to several of Canada's largest corporations and worked with leading private sector companies and associations to establish an International Code of Ethics for Canadian Businesses, which was endorsed by former Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy on September 15, 1997. In 1999, in recognition of his work on business ethics in Canada, the Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations invited Professor Mendes to be an adviser on the Global Compact initiative of the Secretary General. Professor Mendes assisted in the development of the Global Compact.

Professor Mendes has taught, researched, consulted and published extensively in the area of Global Governance, International Business Law and Ethics, Constitutional Law and Human Rights Law. He is Editor-in-Chief of Canada's leading constitutional law journal, *The National Journal of Constitutional Law*. He is the author or co-editor of five books, including the landmark constitutional law text co-edited with Senator G. Beaudoin, *The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, 3rd Edition, Carswell, 1996 and the internationally recognized texts, *Towards a Fair Global Labour Market: Avoiding the New Slave Trade*, Routledge, New York and London, 1999, (co-authored); *Democratic Policing and Accountability: Global Perspectives*, Ashgate, U.K., (co-edited); *Between Crime and War, Terrorism, Democracy and the Constitution*, Carswell, Toronto, 2003 (co-edited); *Global Governance, Economy and Law*, Routledge, New York and London, 2003.

Since 1979, Professor Mendes has taught at Law Faculties across the country, including the University of Alberta, Edmonton from 1979 to 1984, the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario from 1984 to 1992 and

the University of Ottawa from 1992 to present. He was a visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law, McGill University and the Université de Montréal in 1992. He was appointed in 1995 to a two-year term as a member of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Panel. He was re-appointed in 1997. He also has extensive experience as a Human Rights Adjudicator under the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Born in Kenya, East Africa, Professor Mendes obtained his Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Exeter, England, where he ranked first in his graduating class. He obtained his Master of Laws degree from the University of Illinois in the United States. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1986.