

Alf Kwinter was born in Vienna, Austria. He grew up in downtown Toronto and obtained his B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1967 and his law degree from the University of Toronto in 1970. In 1974 Alf and his classmate Morris Singer founded the firm of Singer, Kwinter. For the first 10 years of his career, Alf practiced mostly criminal law before switching to the civil side representing plaintiffs in personal injury, malpractice and insurance claims. He has appeared as counsel at all court levels including The Supreme Court of Canada, where he appeared on behalf of the successful plaintiff in the landmark decision of *Oldfield v. Transamerica Insurance Company*. Alf has been successful in obtaining some of the country's largest jury awards for punitive damages against an insurer. He acted for the Plaintiff in the landmark case of *Kamin v. Kawartha Dairy* which significantly reduced the onus on Plaintiffs in establishing liability in slip and fall claims. Alf is certified as a specialist in Civil Litigation by The Law Society of Upper Canada and is a past director of the Advocates' Society. He is a member of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, the Advocates Society, the Canadian Bar Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the American Bar Association. He has taught trial practice in the Bar Admission Course and has been invited to speak at and chair numerous programs sponsored by The Advocates' Society, OTLA, CBA and the LSUC.

In June 2005, Alf was invited to deliver the keynote address to the Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association in St. Johns, Newfoundland.

In May 2004, Alf was awarded the H. Bruce Hillyer Award by the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the cause of civil justice and for exemplifying the spirit of OTLA in fearlessly advancing the cause of individual rights by the effective use of trial advocacy.