

VIRGIL P. MOSHANSKY
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Virgil P. Moshansky, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, served a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs after his election at the association's annual convention held in New York City, New York, USA in July 1966.

Past Director Moshansky was appointed a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in 1976. A Lion since 1955 and a life member, Past Director Moshansky served as a club president, zone chairman, district governor and chairman of the Council of Governors.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received the Master Key Award, the 100% District Governor Award, four Extension Awards, the International Leadership Award, five International President's Awards, the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members.

Prior to his judicial appointment, Past Director Moshansky was active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was appointed as a Queen's Counsel and served as a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta and on the National Council of the Canadian Bar Association. He is a member of the Canadian Judges conference and the International Commission of Jurists and was awarded the Canadian Centennial Medal in 1967. He has also served as mayor of Vegreville, Alberta, and as a director of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

A licensed pilot and aircraft owner, Past Director Moshansky was appointed by the Government of Canada to head the Commission Inquiry (1989-92) into the March 10, 1989, Air Ontario F-28 jet crash at Dryden, Ontario. His 2000 page report and recommendations received international attention and acceptance in the aviation community. He was the recipient of the Aerospace Laurel Award for 1993 from Aviation Week and Aerospace Technology Magazine (New York, N.Y.), such award being presented annually "to honor individuals who have made significant contributions in the field of aerospace." In 1995, he was the recipient of both the prestigious Trans Canada (McKee) Trophy, presented by the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute in recognition of "outstanding achievement in promoting aviation in Canada" and the Transport Canada Canadian Aviation Safety Award for "exceptional contribution to aviation safety."