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Joseph L. Rotman OC, LL.D.

Chairman of Grand Challenges Canada



Mr. Rotman is Chairman of Roy-L Capital Corporation, a private family investment company. He launched his business career in 1962 and has been involved in establishing a number of private and public companies active in oil trading, petroleum distribution, oil and gas exploration, merchant banking, real estate and venture capital. He has served on numerous corporate boards including the Bank of Montreal, Barrick Gold Corporation, Canada Northwest Energy Ltd., Masonite International and TrizecHahn Corp. He founded Tarragon Oil and Gas, Geocrude Energy, PanCana Resources, PanCana Minerals and Embassy Resources, as well as a number of other companies, and served as their Chair. He also founded Clairvest Group Inc., a merchant bank, and continues to serve as a Member of the Board.

On July 1, 2012 Joseph Rotman was appointed as Chancellor of Western University for a four-year term. The Chancellor is the titular head of the university, and its foremost ambassador. He is a member of both the Senate and the Board of Governors, the Chancellor presides at Convocation and with the delegated authority of Senate, confers all degrees, diplomas and certificates.

In 2009, Joseph Rotman was appointed Chairman of Grand Challenges Canada, a new global health organization funded by the Federal Government to deliver the Development Innovation Fund announced in the 2008 Budget. Grand Challenges Canada is dedicated to supporting bold ideas with big impact in global health. Central to the organization's approach is Integrated Innovation, the co-ordinated application of science, technology, social and business innovation. Grand Challenges Canada is hosted at the Sandra Rotman Centre.

In 2008/2009 Joseph Rotman co-led a major review of the state of brain research in Ontario, which led to the recommendation to the Provincial Government that it create the Ontario Brain Institute ("OBI"). Premier McGuinty announced initial funding for the OBI in late 2010, and appointed Mr. Rotman as its Chair. In mid-2012, the Premier announced that funding of the OBI was to be extended for another three years.

In 2008, Joseph L. Rotman was appointed to a five-year term as Chair of the Canada Council for the Arts, the Crown corporation that for over half a century has been the principal conduit of federal support by grants, endowments and prizes for Canada's professional artists and arts organizations.

LIFE SCIENCES AND INNOVATION

Mr. Rotman has applied his business experience to the advancement of Canadian life sciences research, the development of Canada's innovation and commercialization capacity, and related public policy at the federal and provincial levels, including:

- **Canadian Institute of Health Research:** Member of Governing Council (June 2000-06), Executive Committee (June 2002-06) and Chair of the President's International Advisory Committee (June 2000-06).
- **Canada Gairdner International Awards** for outstanding achievement in biomedical research worldwide: Member of Board of Directors, and of Board of Trustees (February 2005-present); Member of the Executive Committee (2008- Present).
- **Development Advisory Committee ("DAC")** (2011): Member of advisory group to the Global Network of Science Academies and Royal Societies and the International Academy Council ("IAC").
- **Government of Canada Expert Panel on Commercialization** (2004-06). Chaired the preparation of "People and Excellence: The Heart of Successful Commercialization", a report for Industry Canada.
- **Innovations Foundation University of Toronto:** Chaired restructuring on behalf of VP Research.
- **MaRS (Medical and Related Sciences Discovery District):** Founder and Member of the Board (2000- 2011).
- **Ontario BIOCouncil:** Chaired the preparation of the BIOCouncil Report (2002), which the Ontario government used to assist in Ontario's Biotech Strategy.
- **Ontario Genomics Institute:** Board of Directors (2001-06) and Chair (2001-04).
- **StemCell Network:** Board of Directors (2005-08).

ARTS, EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE

Mr. Rotman and his wife Sandra have made a long-term commitment to promote the development of internationally renowned Canadian institutions in the arts, education and healthcare through active involvement and financial assistance.

- **Arts (1970 – present):**
 - **Art Gallery of Ontario – Board Member** (1991-2000): **Chair of the Board** (1993-96).
 - **Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Member of the Board** (1996-98).
 - **Louis Applebaum Visitorship in Film Composition:** Founders at the School of Music, University of Toronto.
 - **The Elinor and Lou Siminovitch Prize in Theatre:** One of the original Founders.
 - **Benefactors of:** Art Gallery of Ontario, Israel Museum, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Canadian Opera Company, The National Ballet of Canada, and the Toronto International Film Festival.
- **Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care (1985-present):**
 - **Baycrest Board of Directors;** (1985-08).
 - **Baycrest Research Advisory Committee:** Co-Chair; (1985 – 2009).
 - **Rotman Research Institute:** Established in 1989 to create leading-edge knowledge in cognitive neuroscience, including cognitive theory, the aging process, sophisticated imaging methods and analyses, and to translate the most recent research results directly to patients.

- **Sandra A. Rotman Program in Neuropsychiatry:** The program aims to ensure that new knowledge about treatments, including optimal drug prescribing in the elderly population, is transferred quickly and effectively.
- **University Health Network (1990-present):**
 - **Sandra Rotman Centre:** The Centre's mission is to develop innovative global health solutions, and help bring them to scale where they are most urgently needed.
 - **Sandra Rotman Chair in Health Sector Strategy:** Focusing on developing the next generation of Canadian healthcare leaders and advancing evidence-based decision-making and policy development in the health sector.
- **University of Toronto (1981-present):**
 - **Committee for Honorary Degrees (2001-04).**
 - **Governing Council Member (1995-03); Executive Committee Member (1998-03).**
 - **U of T Asset Management Corporation: Vice-Chair (2000-06).**
 - **Rotman School of Management:** Primary benefactors, with the objective of creating an internationally-renowned business education institution and globally competitive leaders.
 - **Lloyd and Delphine Martin Prosperity Institute**
 - **RISE Asset Development:** Self-employment encouragement for people with mental health and addiction issues overseen by the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health and the Rotman School of Management: A venture philanthropy enterprise that invests in those in need to achieve economic independence and meaningful social interaction through financial investment and mentoring support.
 - **Sandra Rotman Chair in Social Work:** Supporting research to identify emerging trends in trauma and their uses among first responders.
- **University of Western Ontario (1999 - present):**
 - **Rotman Institute of Philosophy:** To enhance the research and training capacities in the origins and nature of scientific theory and the impact of scientific theories on society.
 - **Rotman Canada Research Chair in Philosophy of Science:** To enhance an international competitive academic program, addressing the nature of scientific theory.

Joseph Rotman received his B.A. from the University of Western Ontario in 1957 and his M.Comm. from the University of Toronto in 1960. During 1960-61 he studied at the Columbia University Graduate School of Business in the Ph.D. program. Mr. Rotman was awarded an honorary LL.D. from the University of Toronto in 1994. His appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada was announced on January 4, 1995. He was inducted into the Canadian Business Hall of Fame as a Companion in May 2009 and was awarded an Honourary LLD from the University of Western Ontario in June 2009. The Association of Fundraising Professionals honoured Sandra and Joseph Rotman with the 2009 Outstanding Philanthropists Award. Sandra and Joseph Rotman were selected as torchbearers for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Run in Toronto on December 17, 2009. Sandra and Joseph were also awarded with the Beth Sholom Brotherhood Humanitarian award in 2011, and Joseph Rotman is the Honouree of the Toronto Club's 2011 Annual Members Dinner. Mr. Rotman was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from Life Sciences Ontario on February 29, 2012.