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The Honourable Justice Gloria J. Epstein graduated from Queen's University with an Honours Bachelor of Commerce in 1972. For the next two years she lived on an island in Temagami, Ontario and owned and operated a fishing camp.

She returned to Toronto to study law at the University of Toronto and graduated in 1977. She practised with Fasken & Calvin and then Fraser & Beatty before starting her own firm - Gloria Epstein and Associates. Judge Epstein became a Queen's Counsel in 1992, to the Superior Court of Justice (Ontario) in 1993 and to the Court of Appeal for Ontario in 2007. In June of 1998 the Premier of Ontario made her head of the Review of the government's involvement in the lives of the Dionne Quintuplets.

In August, 2018, Judge Epstein retired from the Court of Appeal to head an independent review of the Toronto Police Service's handling of investigations into the report of missing persons in the LGBTQ2S community.

Instructor, Bar Admission Course, Civil Procedure; York University, Advocacy Programme and Mooting Program. Director of the Ontario Development Corporation; National secretary and member of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; Member of the Copyright Committee, Canadian Association of Broadcasters; Director of The Starlight Foundation; Director of Women's College Hospital Foundation; Director of World Film Festival of Toronto, Director of the Ontario Superior Judges Association, Chair of the Chief Justice's Media Committee. Co-chair of the education committee of the CIAJ, member of Committee established to facilitate access to the courts for people with disabilities. Strong supporter of the Canadian Women's Foundation. Member of the Education Committee of the Canadian Judicial Council, and Chair of the Family Rules Committee. Co-chair of the Ontario Justice Education Network. Founder of the McMurtry Gardens of Justice and co-chair of the Ontario Justice Education Committee. Member of the National Board of Directors of Pathways to Education and member of the Advisory Board of the Smith School of Business.

Justice Epstein has an otherwise busy life with five children and seven grandchildren.