

Ms Judy Erola
Public Member, Board of Directors
(Sudbury, Ontario)



Ms Judy Erola began her career as a radio and television broadcaster in northern Ontario. In 1980, she launched her political career when she was elected as Member of Parliament in the Sudbury Nickel Belt riding. Ms Erola served as Cabinet Minister in the Trudeau government from 1980 to 1984 and held portfolios for Minister of State for Mines, Status of Women, Consumer Services, and Corporate Affairs. She was also the first woman ever appointed to the cabinet's Priorities and Planning Committee, which debates and decides on the direction of government policy.

In 1987, Ms Erola became President and CEO of RX&D (formerly Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association of Canada). From 1998 to 2000, she served as Board Director with the International Nickel Company of Canada and Imasco Minerals Inc.

Ms Erola is currently President of the Child Health Institute of Canada and Director of Health Partners International. She also serves as Chair of the University of Ottawa Health Administration Program Advisory Board and participates on the College of Family Physicians of Canada's Relationship with Healthcare Industry Task Force.

Ms Erola has received numerous honorary recognitions including a Doctorate degree of Human Letters Honoris Causa from Mount St. Vincent University (1992), an Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree from Laurentian University (1996), an Honorary Doctorate degree from the University of Ottawa (1996), Life Member of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada, and Life Member of Science North Sudbury.