



The Honorable Wally Oppal is the second Chancellor to be appointed to Thompson Rivers University. He was born in the Vancouver-Fraserview neighbourhood and raised on Vancouver Island, he attended law school at UBC, and then operated his own private practise for 14 years in Vancouver before he was appointed to the County Court of Vancouver in 1981. Four years later he was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia. In 1992, he wrote the report for the Independent Commission of Inquiry into Policing in British Columbia, and while in court, was a specialist in several high-profile cases.

In 2003, he was appointed to the British Columbia Court of Appeal where he served until 2005 when he resigned to sit in the provincial legislature and be appointed Attorney General. That May, he was elected MLA for Vancouver-Fraserview.

Justice Oppal served as Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism from 2005 to 2009. He is a frequent guest lecturer for Continuing Legal Education Society seminars and on criminal justice, violence against women and women's justice issues.

In 2010 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of the Fraser Valley and was appointed Commissioner of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry.