

**LANTZ, Q.C., HONOURABLE JEFFREY “JEFF” EDWARD**, lawyer and judge; b. 3 February 1961 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, son of Dr. Joseph Brodie Lantz and Charlotte Louise Reynolds of Charlottetown; m. 6 June 1987 Michelle “Shelly” Fern Lea, and they have two children, Olivia Lea and Matthew Joseph.

Lantz, a Progressive Conservative, was elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 17 April 2000 general election for District 13 Charlottetown-Rochford Square. He did not seek re-election in the 29 September 2003 general election. He served as Attorney General, Minister of Education, Minister of Tourism, Minister Responsible for the PEI Liquor Control Commission and Minister Responsible for the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission. Lantz was also the vice-chair of the legislative review committee. Lantz ran unsuccessfully in the 18 November 1996 general election.

After attending West Kent Elementary and Queen Charlotte Junior High Schools, Lantz graduated from Colonel Gray Senior High School in 1979. He graduated from UPEI with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1984 and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New Brunswick in 1987. He practised law in Charlottetown for 12 years. On 27 September 2005, Lantz was appointed Provincial Court Judge.

For four years, Lantz served as president of Sport PEI and he is a past president of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. He served as counsel for the PEI Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Lantz was also president of the PEI Progressive Conservative Association.

Lantz and his wife reside in Charlottetown. Shelly Lea-Lantz was born 11 February 1961 and is the daughter of Glen Allison Lea and Isobel Emma Stewart of North Tryon.

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**LAVIE, COLIN**, fisherman, fire chief; b. 28 October 1962 in Souris, son of Basil Alexander LaVie and Frances MacCormack; m. 10 October 2009 to Shelley Marie McInnis, and they have two children, Shawn Nelson and Natasha Dawn; Catholic.

LaVie, a Progressive Conservative, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 3 October 2011 and the 4 May 2015 general elections for District 1 Souris-Elmira. In May 2015, he was reappointed Opposition Whip and shadow critic for agriculture and fisheries; community services and seniors; forestry; environment, labour and justice; rural development; Acadian and Francophone Affairs; and the Workers’ Compensation Board. In March 2016, LaVie was replaced as Opposition Whip by Sidney MacEwen†. LaVie has served as a member on standing committees dealing with fisheries, transportation and rural development; agriculture, environment, energy and forestry; community and intergovernmental affairs; health, social development and seniors; and privileges, rules and private bills.

Raised in Souris, LaVie attended Souris Consolidated School before attending Souris Regional High School. Apart from his time in the Legislative Assembly, LaVie works as a self-employed lobster fisherman. He has been a volunteer firefighter for over 30 years, and Chief of the Souris Fire Department for 10 years. He was also a long-time volunteer, manager and icemaker with the Eastern Kings Sportsplex. LaVie has coached minor hockey in the Souris area for many years and was also the chair of the Souris Port Authority from 1995 to 1997. In 2011, he received both the

Volunteer of the Year Award from the Souris Credit Union and his 30-Year Medal from the Souris Fire Department.

He and his wife reside in Souris. Shelley LaVie was born on 4 October 1970 in Souris and is the daughter of Andy McInnis and Audrey Peters of Souris.

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**LEA, SARAH JEAN “JEANNIE,”** teacher, craftsperson and educational administrator; b. 16 October 1950 in Moncton, daughter of Maurice D. Robidoux and Dorothy E. Fraser; m. 21 April 1973 James Armstrong Lea, and they have two children, Andrew and Sarah; Presbyterian.

Lea, a Liberal, was elected to the Legislative Assembly in the general election of 29 March 1993 for 6th Queens. She served as Minister without Portfolio and Minister Responsible for Government Reform and the Status of Women from 1993 to 1994, and from 1994 to 1996 was Minister without Portfolio and the province’s first Minister Responsible for Higher Education, Adult Training and Literacy and the Status of Women. She also chaired the community consultative committee and the Cabinet committee on social policy reform.

Lea received her early education in Moncton-area schools before receiving a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Biology from Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. Following university, Lea attended Holland College in Charlottetown where she earned a diploma in weaving in 1975. From 1973 to 1976, she worked as a substitute teacher in Charlottetown and as a craftsperson. In 2002, she became a consultant in strategic planning, project management and research.

She served as a director of the Canadian School Boards Association, president of the Prince Edward Island School Boards Association, and sat on the Prince Edward Island Industrial Relations Committee, the Human Resource Development Committee and the Provincial Task Force on Education. Lea has also served as director of the education foundation “Kids Count – The Learning Fund” and as project co-ordinator for two Staying Smoke Free videos. She is a former president of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of PEI and served as a director of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Lea and her husband reside in Charlottetown. In their retirement, they sailed their 41-foot sailboat throughout the Bahamas and the western and central Caribbean. James Lea was born 5 December 1947, son of Dr. R. Gordon Lea and Mary Armstrong of Charlottetown, and grandson of Premier Walter Maxfield Lea\*.

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**LECLAIR, NEIL JOSEPH,** farmer; b. 23 February 1956 in Alberton, son of Bradford Joseph LeClair and Frances Mary Handrahan; m. 5 July 1975 Edith Angela Gallant, and they have four children, Sandra Lee, Travis Neil, Christopher Joseph and Julie Anne; Roman Catholic.

LeClair, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the general election of 28 May 2007 for District 27 Tignish-Palmer Road. On 12 June 2007, he was appointed Minister of

Agriculture. He served in that portfolio until 13 January 2009 when he was named Minister of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development. He also served as a member of the Treasury Board and vice-chair of the legislative review committee. LeClair was defeated in the 3 October 2011 general election by the then-Progressive Conservative Hal Perry†. In the general election of 4 May 2015, LeClair announced his intention to again seek the Liberal nomination in District 27, Tignish-Palmer Road, but was defeated by Perry after losing the majority of the 282 ballots cast on nomination night.

LeClair received his education at Tignish Elementary and Tignish Regional High Schools, graduating in 1974. He went on to study education at UPEI but did not complete his degree. Following his education, LeClair farmed for 26 years. He was also involved in the construction industry.

LeClair has served his community as board chair of the Tignish Co-op, vice-chair of the Western School Board and chair of the Tignish fire district. He was treasurer of the District 27 Liberal Association. He is a member of the St. Simon and St. Jude Church and has served on several church committees.

LeClair and his wife operate their family farm in Ascension. Edie Gallant is the daughter of Edward Joseph Gallant and Delores Doucette of Miminegash.

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