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Mr. Beesley was born in Smithers, B.C. on August 17, 1927, and was educated at the University of British Columbia where he obtained his B.A. and his L.L.B. In 1951, he was called to the Bar of British Columbia and joined the legal firm of Crease and Co.

Mr. Beesley joined the Department of External Affairs in 1956 and served in the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv from 1957 to 1960. In 1964, he was posted to the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, where he served until 1967 when he returned to Ottawa to assume the position of Head of Legal Division. In 1971 he assumed his present position as Director-General of the Bureau of Legal Affairs and Legal Adviser to the Department of External Affairs. He has participated in a large number of international conferences and has been Canadian Representative to the First and Sixth Committees of the United Nations, as well as being the Head of Canadian Delegations on a series of bilateral and multilateral negotiations.

Mr. Beesley is married and has two children.