

Martha Nixon

Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations



n September 1998, Martha Nixon was appointed ADM, Operations, at Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Ms. Nixon was born in Parry Sound, Ontario, and spent her early years in the Montreal area. She graduated from McGill University with a B.A. in sociology and anthropology. Following university, she spent a year in India as a volunteer for — Canadian University Services Overseas (CUSO) after which she returned to Canada to work in CUSO's Ottawa office.

From 1968 to 1973, Ms. Nixon raised two children. She later returned to the labour force as a policy development officer in the Job Creation Branch of Employment and Immigration Canada (EIC). In 1977, she took a leave of absence to set up a refugee scholarship program for the World University Service of Canada.

Since 1978, Ms. Nixon has worked in a variety of capacities at EIC (now Human Resources Development Canada). These have included positions in insurance, immigration, refugee policy and employment. Ms. Nixon's assignments have been varied: Legislative Assistant to the Minister; Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister; Field Manager for Canada Employment Centres in Ottawa; Director General, Employment Operations, National Headquarters; and Director General, Learning and Literacy.

Until recently, Ms. Nixon held the position of Associate Executive Head of the Human Resources Investment Branch. In this capacity, she dealt with issues in the area of labour market, and social and learning programming.