

Elinor Caplan

Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

Elinor Caplan was born May 20, 1944, in Toronto. From 1973 to 1978, she was president of a company that specialized in searching titles and transferring ownership of real estate.

Ms. Caplan was a North York alderman from 1978 to 1985, when she was elected the member of provincial parliament to represent the Ontario riding of Oriole. She was Ontario's Health Minister from 1987 to 1990.

As a member of the Opposition in the provincial legislature from 1990 to 1997, Ms. Caplan was Chief Opposition Whip and held a variety of critic roles.

Elected to the House of Commons in 1997 as the Liberal member for the Ontario riding of Thornhill, Ms. Caplan was appointed Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in August 1999.

Ms. Caplan and her husband, Wilf, have four children.