Anne McLellan Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Anne McLellan was born on Aug. 31, 1950, in Hants County, Nova Scotia. She holds a bachelor of arts degree and a law degree from Dalhousie University and has a master of laws degree from Kings College, University of London. She was admitted to the Nova Scotia bar in 1976.

Between 1976 and 1980, Ms. McLellan was assistant professor of law at the University of New Brunswick. In 1980, she moved to Edmonton to take a position as associate professor of law at the University of Alberta. She served as associate dean of the university's faculty of law between 1985 and 1987 and acting dean between July 1991 and June 1992. Ms. McLellan also served on the board of directors of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and Alberta Legal Aid and was vice-president of the University of Alberta's Faculty Association.

Anne McLellan was elected to Parliament in October 1993 and was re-elected in 1997 and November 2000, now representing the riding of Edmonton West for the Liberal Party of Canada. She was appointed Minister of Natural Resources in November 1993.

In June 1997, Ms. McLellan became Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.