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Joanna Harrington was born in London, England, but spent her early childhood in a small village in South Devon before emigrating to the bright lights of Vancouver, Canada. She was educated at the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria, and the University of Cambridge, where she completed a Ph.D. in law as a Tapp scholar at Gonville and Caius College. She also attended the Academy of European Law at the European University Institute in Italy, earning a diploma in human rights law, and was a Pegasus scholar with the Inns of Court in London.

Professor Harrington specializes in constitutional law, foreign relations law, and international law. She began her academic career as a Lecturer at the University of Nottingham, and then an Assistant Professor at the University of Western Ontario, before joining the University of Alberta as an Associate Professor in 2004. She was promoted to the rank of Professor of Law in 2009.

Professor Harrington has held visiting appointments in Australia, Canada, Puerto Rico and Suriname, and has also taught international law at Canada's diplomatic academy, the Canadian Foreign Service Institute. She has worked as consultant with the British Council, the Judicial Studies Board of England and Wales, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and she has assisted counsel litigating extradition and national security cases in domestic courts, as well as international human rights cases before the Human Rights Committee and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. She has twice appeared as an expert witness before Canada's Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights and in 2007, she became the second academic lawyer to receive the University of Alberta's Martha Cook Piper Research Prize.

While on leave from 2006-2008, Professor Harrington served as the Scholar-in-Residence with the Legal Affairs Bureau of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) in Ottawa, where she advised on matters of treaty law, international criminal law, and the international protection of human rights. She was a member of the official Canadian delegation to the UN General Assembly and the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, participating in the crime of aggression negotiations, as well as the negotiation of new human rights instruments at the UN and the Organization of American States.

Professor Harrington previously served as the parliamentary legal officer to a prominent member of the British House of Lords, where she worked on several measures of constitutional reform during the first term of the Blair Government, including the passage of the Human Rights Act 1998 and the implementation of the Northern Ireland peace agreement. She later participated in the judicial training programme on these reforms organized by the Judicial Studies Board in 1999 and 2000.