



LAW SOCIETY
of ALBERTA

BENCHER ELECTION 

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

ELECTION OF BENCHERS

IMPORTANT NOTE: Voting is by electronic ballot. No paper option is available.

Instructions to Voters

Note: As required under s. 12(4) of the *Legal Profession Act*, as President-Elect, Donald Cranston appears on the ballot solely to reflect that he is considered to have been elected. Additionally, Bud Melnyk from the Central region is acclaimed. This means there are 18 eligible positions available for Bencher.

Electronic Ballot Process

1. Visit www.lawsociety.ab.ca for the link to the voting site (eBallot).
2. There are 18 Benchers to be elected. For your electronic ballot to be counted, you must:
 - (a) Check the box opposite the name(s) of the candidate(s) you are voting for;
 - (b) Please vote for a minimum of one to a maximum of 18 candidate(s);
 - (c) Once you have completed your voting, click the "Submit" button.

[Rules of the Law Society of Alberta](#) (Rules 4 - 16 pertain to the Bencher Election)

[Legal Profession Act](#) (Section 12 - 17 pertain to the Bencher Election)

VOTING & DISTRICT INFORMATION

1. Who can vote?

Active members of the Law Society of Alberta, as of September 15, 2017, are eligible to vote. Voters who become inactive after that, due to a change in status, suspension, resignation or disbarment, will be removed from the eligible voter list.

Voting information will be emailed to the email address on file with the Law Society. It will be emailed on November 1, 2017, the day that voting opens.

2. When can I vote?

Voting opens on November 1, 2017 and closes at 4:30 p.m. (MST) on November 15, 2017. You can vote, using the online voting website, anytime during the voting period.

3. How many votes do I get?

In addition to Donald Cranston, please vote for a minimum of one to a maximum of 18 candidates.

4. Can I vote for candidates who are not in my geographic region or district?

Yes you can vote for an candidate whether they are in your region or not. Candidates are elected from all votes cast throughout the province, not just votes from voters in their region or district.

5. Who wins?

Candidates are elected based on the total number of votes received, subject to the district calculation, explained below.

6. How do you determine the winners and District Representatives?

The Law Society of Alberta has three districts.

- The Northern District covers all areas north of Wetaskiwin. It excludes Edmonton. (All areas lying north of the 53rd parallel.)
- The Southern District cuts through the centre of Calgary and along the top of the Tsuut'ina Nation. It excludes Calgary. (All areas lying south of the 52nd parallel.)
- The Central District falls between the two parallels. It excludes Calgary.

Candidates from Edmonton and Calgary fall into the general pool and are not part of any district.

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For voting purposes, all candidates, regardless of location, are in one large general pool.

All voters, throughout the province, will vote for their entire selection of up to 18 candidates from amongst all of the candidates, regardless of location. They do not have to vote for 18 people, but can vote for anywhere from one to 18 candidates.

We do not have specific elections for the District Representatives.

Once all of the votes are tabulated, the first thing we do is identify all of our district candidates and determine who among them has the highest number of votes. We have six northern candidates and three southern candidates running in the 2017 election.

The district candidate with the highest number of votes in that district becomes the District Representative.

We will be left with 16 more seats to fill, out of the original 20, after the President-Elect and three District Representatives have their Bench seats and are removed from the general pool.

All remaining candidates, including the remaining district candidates, continue to be in the general pool. Now that the District Representatives are chosen, we go through the results for the remaining candidates and determine the candidates with the 16 highest total votes to fill the 16 remaining seats. The Bench table is determined by going down the list of all remaining candidates starting from the highest number of votes until all seats are filled.

This means that all of the candidates in a district could be elected if the candidates who are not elected as the District Representative fall into the top 16.

On the following pages, you will find candidate profiles. We encourage you to take your time reviewing the profiles and learning about your potential Benchers in order to make an informed choice for the board of the Law Society of Alberta that will be in place for the next three years.

CANDIDATES

As required under s. 12(4) of the *Legal Profession Act*, as President-Elect, Donald Cranston appears on the ballot solely to reflect that he is considered to have been elected. Additionally, Bud Melnyk from the Central region is acclaimed.

Please click the candidate's name to view their biography.

NAME	DISTRICT
1. Emmanuel Alade	Northern
2. Ryan Anderson	Southern
3. Rob Armstrong	Calgary
4. Paul Bourassa	Calgary
5. Arman Chak	Edmonton
6. Tamela Coates	Calgary
7. Sandra Corbett	Edmonton
8. Nancy Dilts	Calgary
9. Chandra Flett	Northern
10. Corie Flett	Northern
11. Crae Garrett	Calgary
12. Fraser Gordon	Calgary
13. Leighton Grey	Northern
14. Adam Halliday	Edmonton
15. Bill Hendsbee	Edmonton
16. Karen Hewitt	Edmonton
17. Steven Hinkley	Northern
18. Cal Johnson	Calgary
19. Cameron Jose	Calgary
20. Anna Konye	Edmonton
21. David Labrenz	Southern
22. Linda Long	Edmonton

NAME	DISTRICT
23. Jim Lutz	Calgary
24. Stacy Maurier	Northern
25. William Ostapek	Edmonton
26. Walter Pavlic	Edmonton
27. Lou Pesta	Calgary
28. Corinne Petersen	Edmonton
29. Stacy Petriuk	Calgary
30. Robert Philp	Edmonton
31. Penny Pritchett	Calgary
32. Kathleen Ryan	Edmonton
33. Darlene Scott	Edmonton
34. Jean-Pascal Siewe	Calgary
35. Deanna Steblyk	Calgary
36. Kent Teskey	Edmonton
37. Tyler Tollefson	Edmonton
38. Margaret Unsworth	Edmonton
39. Stella Varvis	Edmonton
40. Ken Warren	Calgary
41. William Wister	Southern
42. Nate Whitling	Edmonton

PRESIDENT-ELECT



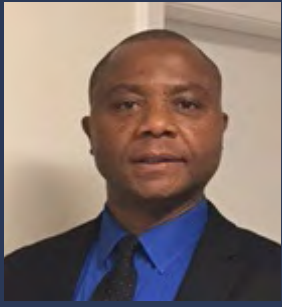
Donald Cranston

Mr. Cranston was called to the Bar in 1979, and has practiced in Edmonton since that time.

He is a graduate of the Commerce Faculty (Public Policy) and the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. He also completed the Harvard Law School Intensive Mediation Course.

Mr. Cranston is a partner and co-head of the commercial litigation group at Bennett Jones LLP. His practice focuses on civil litigation, professional liability and conduct matters, administrative and public law. He also acts as a mediator and arbitrator.

Mr. Cranston has been actively involved in the legal profession and community throughout his career. He has Chaired a number of boards including the Legal Education Society of Alberta, the Edmonton Community Legal Centre, the University of Alberta Faculty of Law Alumni Association, the Child and Adolescent Services Association, the University Hospital Foundation and the Canadian Bar Association National Committee on Judges Salaries and Pensions. He has taught various courses through the Bar Admission program and the Legal Education Society of Alberta, including Ethics and the Legal Profession, and was a member of the Pro Bono Law Alberta Board. Mr. Cranston became a Bencher in 2015.



Emmanuel Alade

Year of Call: 2004

Practice Areas: Real Estate, Family, Wills and Estates, Corporate

Governance/Board Experience:

- Senior Manager (Legal) Odua Investment Corporation Ltd.
- Board of Directors, Nigerian Canadian Association
- Past Committee Member; Law Society of Alberta
- Condominium Board Member

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Emmanuel B. Alade practises law in Fort Saskatchewan and Sherwood Park.

Emmanuel has been practising law since 1993, and moved to Alberta in 2000 for a Master of Law degree at the University of Alberta. He was called to the Alberta bar in 2004.

His work over the past 23 years has exposed him to multiple and varied experience in the area of Family Law, Real Estate Law, Wills and Estates Law and Child Welfare. He has also practised law extensively in the northern part of the Province.

Emmanuel has significant experience with board membership and management.

EDUCATION (Selected)

University of Alberta	Master of Laws	(2001)
Nigerian Law School	Bachelor of Laws	(1993)
Obafemi Awolowo University	Bachelor of Laws	(1992)

EXPERIENCE (Selected)

City Law Offices	Barrister & Solicitor	(2006 - Present)
Fotty & Torok-Both Law Office,	Associate	(2004 - 2016)
William Shymko & Company	Student-at-Law	(2003 - 2004)
University of Alberta, Faculty of Law	Research Assistant	(2000 - 2002)
Odua Investment Company Ltd.	Senior Manager (Legal)	(1997 - 2000)
Ebun Babalola Chambers	Associate/Senior Associate	(1994 - 1997)



Ryan Anderson

Year of Call: 2003

Practice Areas: Agricultural, Wills and Estates, Family Law

Governance/Board Experience:

- Chair of SASH, Disability Support Services.
- Past Member of Lethbridge Bar Association.
- Past Chair of Lethbridge Law Day.
- Past Member of the Economic Development Committee.
- Past Member of Regional Youth Basketball Board.

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I was born and raised on my family farm in Southern Alberta. One side of my family has been here since 1899 and the other side of my family is first generation immigrants from Europe. I love the diversity and growth of Alberta while maintaining our rural roots.

After spending time in Edmonton and Calgary for post-secondary school, I chose law as a career. At the time of entrance to Law School at the University of Calgary, I hoped my career would allow me to help people while earning a decent income. I have realized sometimes there are days when I, as a lawyer, do not feel I have helped my clients, at least in a way that the client can recognize, but most days my practice makes clients' lives better as they struggle through very difficult legal issues. This makes all the stresses associated with the profession worthwhile.

I learned early from many great lawyers in the Lethbridge area to give back to the community. As a Board member and Chair, I enjoy the process of brainstorming, listening to everyone's opinions and concerns, narrowing the focus, and building consensus with the Board for a final decision that benefits the members.

I enjoy teaching and have presented for the Legal Education Society of Alberta, taught as a casual instructor at Lethbridge College, and given annual presentations for Lethbridge Public Legal Education.

I have a great family that I love spending time with in the mountains. Nothing clears my mind better, and resets me for another week at the office than a Sunday afternoon in Waterton with family.

It would be a privilege if I am chosen to serve as a Bencher for the Law Society.



Rob Armstrong

Year of Call: 1999

Practice Areas: Privacy Law, Administrative Law, Civil Litigation

Governance/Board Experience:

2017 - Present:

- Member of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Lawyers' Insurance Exchange
- Chair of the Claims Committee

2014 - Present: Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta

Current:

- Executive Committee, Chair of the Conduct Committee, Vice-Chair of the Pension Committee, Member of the Policy Committee.

Previous:

- Vice-Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee

2010 - 2012: Theatre Calgary Board of Directors

- Chair of the Artistic Committee - actively involved with the Board Governance Committee

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It has been a pleasure and an honor to be a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta for the past three years. I was born and raised in Edmonton and I moved to Calgary in 1995 to attend Law School. I spent 16 years as a civil litigator before joining the Calgary Police Service where I advise the organization on privacy issues and matters related to access to information. As a litigator, I appeared before all levels of Courts in Alberta, numerous administrative tribunals, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada.

I have enjoyed many volunteer activities over the years including instructing at the Bar Admission Course and at the University of Calgary Trial Advocacy Course. I have also served on the board of my local community association and I enjoy getting involved in organizing and running community events. I am an avid fan of live theatre and volunteered as a member of the board of directors of Theatre Calgary. I enjoy curling in the winter, tennis in the summer and cooking and traveling all year long.

Throughout my career, I have been fortunate to learn from and work with many exceptional lawyers, both in practice and around the Bencher table. I have gained a real appreciation for the issues facing the profession, including the challenge of meeting the public's need for competent and affordable counsel. I hope to continue to work on behalf of the profession and the public for the upcoming term to help provide proactive, effective and efficient regulation as an elected Bencher.

Education

1998 Bachelor of Laws, University of Calgary
1995 Bachelor of Arts (Distinction), University of Alberta

Professional Experience

2015 - Present: Calgary Police Service (Privacy Counsel, Manager Access and Privacy Section)
2011 - 2014: University of Calgary, Faculty of Law (Sessional Instructor, Law 505 Civil Procedure)
2000 - 2015: JSS Barristers (Partner: 2005-2015; Associate: 2000-2005)
1999 - 2000: Gowlings LLP (Student-at Law and then Associate)
1998 - 1999: Court of Queen's Bench and Court of Appeal of Alberta (Articles of Clerkship)



Paul Bourassa

Year of Call: 2001

Practice Areas: Federal Crown Prosecutor

Governance/Board Experience:

- School Board Trustee for the FrancoSud

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For the past year and into 2018, I am on a sabbatical from the Government of Canada where I have worked for over 15 years, first as Counsel at the Department of Justice, and for the past 10 as a Federal Crown Prosecutor. As a Federal Crown Prosecutor, I prosecute offences arising out of the *Controlled Drug and Substances Act* and the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

During my sabbatical, I am undertaking a series of one month missions to Zimbabwe as a consultant with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. I provide mentorship to prosecutors and investigators in Zimbabwe, one of the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for Southern Africa member countries, on their efforts for asset recovery, and on tackling proceeds of crime and money laundering.

Outside of work, I am a School Trustee for the FrancoSud School Board, I am finishing my second term and running for a third. Along with my fellow elected Trustees, we direct the Superintendent and his team. We ensure that *Education Act* of Alberta and the various regulations that flow from it, as well as policies established by the FrancoSud, are respected. Our goal is to ensure the best possible Catholic and Francophone education for our students.

Last, even when involved in the foregoing, my main focus is always my family.



Arman Chak

Year of Call: 2001

Practice Areas: Human Rights, Employment, Administrative Law, Civil Litigation

Governance/Board Experience:

- Law Society of Alberta - Bencher (2015 to present)
- Fringe Theatre Adventures - Board Member (2013 to Present)
- Legal Education Society of Alberta - Volunteer/Learning Teacher (2005 to Present)
- John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights - Member/Volunteer (1999 to Present)
- Film and Video Artists of Alberta - Member/Board (1991 to Present)

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Arman Chak is a sole practitioner in Edmonton, who focuses his work on Human Rights, Litigation and Administrative Law. Arman was Legal Counsel for the Alberta Human Rights Commission for nearly 12 years. His work over the past 16 years has involved a multitude of legal tasks and skills in the area of Administrative Law/Civil Law. Arman has significant experience with respect to diversity and inclusion initiatives and works with the Canadian Bar Association and other equality seeking groups to improve the participation and engagement with diverse groups in the legal profession. His work in human rights has been in the areas of sexual harassment, mental and physical disability, as well as issues surrounding discrimination of foreign trained graduates in Canada. He has conducted seminars for employment groups, human resource managers, universities, as well as law students. The goal of human rights is remedial and focuses its attention on bringing about change through recognition and principles of restorative justice. That objective has guided Arman throughout his career. In addition, Arman has completed his Bachelor of Laws Degree (Administrative Law) through the Osgoode Professional Development Program. His thesis focused on the contemporary legal issues relating to the delivery of regulatory public programs of a significant social benefit. In addition, Arman has a Diploma in Justice Administration, focusing on Human Rights Institutions all over Canada. His studies have centered on the focal point of Justice Administration, which is to provide enhanced administrative design to maintain sustainable growth within Human Rights. Arman also has completed work on a chapter for Alberta's human rights story "*The Search for Equality and Justice*". The book was published on December 10, 2012.

In addition, Arman is an active member of the Alberta Arts Community and produces and directs short dramatic films that have been played in the United States, as well as Canada.

EDUCATION

Osgoode Hall Law School	Master of Laws	(2007)
University of Alberta	Bachelor of Laws	(1999)
New York Film Academy	Film School Certificate	(1996)
University of Alberta	Bachelor of Arts	(1995)

EXPERIENCE

Forensic Law	Barrister & Solicitor	(2015 to Present)
Alberta Human Rights Commission	Legal Counsel	(2003 to 2014)
Family Law Office	Staff Counsel	(2001 to 2003)
Scott and Company	Student-at-Law, First-year Associate	(2000-2001)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE (Selected)

Edmonton Community Legal Centre 2010 - Distinguished Service Award; Canadian Bar Association 2011 - Young Lawyers Pro Bono Award; Edmonton Bar Association 2011 - Eileen Nash Memorial Award for Community Service.



Tamela Coates

Year of Call: 1989

Practice Areas: Commercial Litigation, Dispute Resolution

Governance/Board Experience:

Selected to the Canadian Board Diversity Council, Diversity 50 in 2016

Dentons Canada LLP

- Former Calgary Managing Partner - 2.5 years
- Former Member of National Management Committee which had oversight for the firm's Canadian operations - 2 years
- Former Member of the Global Risk Committee - 2 years

CARE Canada (Calgary Council)

- Current Chair - 2 + years

Alzheimer Society of Calgary

- Former President, Director and Executive Member - approximately 6 years

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary and Area

- Former President, Director, and Executive Member - total board time approximately 7 + years

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Tamela (Tammy) Coates is a senior litigation and dispute resolution partner in Lawson Lundell's Calgary office. Previously, she was a partner with Dentons Canada LLP, where she also served as the Calgary Managing Partner and on the firm's National Management and Global Risk committees.

Tammy brings more than 25 years of experience advising clients in a wide variety of commercial disputes and with respect to risk management. Currently, she serves clients in the energy, telecommunications, and financial and professional services sectors regarding complex claims involving commercial, energy, environmental, intellectual property, constitutional, and insolvency issues and risk and reputational management.

Tammy has appeared before all levels of the Alberta Courts, and has experience before the British Columbia Supreme Court and the Federal Court of Canada. She is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has extensive ADR experience as Counsel.

Tammy's recognitions and rankings include:

- 2017 Lexpert Zenith Award: Recognized for the advancement of women in the legal profession
- Legal 500 Canada: recommended in the 2016 editorial for Technology, media and telecoms
- Benchmark Canada: The Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys 2016: recognized as a Litigation Star for Energy and Natural Resources and General Commercial litigation in Alberta
- Women in Law Leadership Award - Leadership in the Profession in Private Practice
- Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal
- Selection as one of Calgary's "Top 40 Under 40" for 2004/2005 by Calgary Inc. Magazine

Tammy is currently a member of the Law Society of Alberta's Practice Review Committee and was formerly a member of the Society's Professional Responsibility Committee.

Tammy also sits as an Appointed Member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan (where she graduated with Great Distinction in 1988), and as Lawson Lundell's Diversity Officer for Alberta's Justicia Project (Phase II). Other charitable and pro bono work includes that with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary and Area, where she was matched to a "little" for a number of years.



Sandra Corbett

Year of Call: 1990

Practice Areas: Civil and Commercial Litigation, Insurance Defence Litigation, Personal Injury Defence, Product, Municipal & School Defence

Governance/Board Experience:

- February 2015 to present: Law Society of Alberta – Bencher (Board Member)
- March 2017 to present: Canadian Defence Lawyers Foundation – Board Member
- February 2017 to present: Legal Education Society of Alberta – Board Member (Law Society of Alberta representative)
- February 2017 to present: University of Alberta, Law Faculty Council – Council Member (Law Society of Alberta representative)
- May 2013 to present: Canadian Bar Association – Alberta Branch – Provincial Council Member
- December 2011 to present: Edmonton Bar Association – Board Member (President 2012 to 2013)
- February 2011 to March 2017: College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses – Provincial Council Board Member (Appointed as a Public Member)
- October 2008 to 2011: DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar – Board Member (Canadian Regional Director)
- 2006 to 2012: Compassion House Foundation – Board Member
- May 2003 to June 2013: Canadian Defence Lawyers – Board Member (President 2008 to 2009)

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Sandra L. Corbett was born and raised in Edmonton, AB. She graduated from the University of Alberta Faculty of Law in 1989, and received a Bachelor of Arts (Special) with a Major in English Literature and a Minor in French Literature from the University of Alberta in 1986. Sandra is a partner in Field Law's Edmonton office, and her practice focuses on resolution of complex tort and liability matters in the civil and commercial litigation areas and, in particular, in insurance defence litigation. Sandra defends high-exposure claims arising from product liability, municipal and school liability, serious accidents, fire loss and business interruption. She also defends insurers in insurance coverage disputes.

Sandra became a Bencher in February 2015. As a Bencher, she has served as Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, Chair of the Trust Safety Committee, Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee and Vice-Chair of the Professional Responsibility Committee. She is a member of a number of adjudicative Committees including the Appeals Committee, Assurance Fund Adjudications (Finance) Committee, Conduct Committee, Credentials and Education Committee, and Practice Review Committee. Sandra is also a member of the Innovation in Regulation Task Force and the Policy Committee. She previously served as the Civil Practice Advisory Liaison, and as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Prior to being elected as a Bencher, Sandra had been involved in volunteer committee work with the Law Society of Alberta since 2000. She served as a member of the Insurance Committee (2000 to 2002); the Civil Practice Advisory Committee (2005 to 2007; 2013); the Conduct Committee (2008 to 2011); the Professional Responsibility Committee (2012); and the Practice Review Committee (2014). She was Vice-Chair of the Civil Practice Advisory Committee in 2007.

Sandra has significant Board and leadership experience provided to her by serving on legal and community organizations. Her Board experience includes overseeing and approving operational budgets; familiarity with board governance philosophies; experience with Chairing Board and Committee meetings; executive leadership; and proficiency with strategic planning.

Professional priorities for Sandra include access to justice, the delivery of legal services into the future, independence of the legal profession, and supporting the Alberta Lawyers Assistance Society.



Nancy Dilts

Year of Call: 1990

Practice Areas: In House, Corporate, Securities, Governance, Aboriginal, Regulatory, Commercial Litigation, Employment

Governance/Board Experience:

- Bencher, Law Society of Alberta (2012 - Present)
Executive Committee
- Director, Alberta Lawyers Insurance Exchange (2014 - Present)
Executive Committee (until 2017)
- Director, Alberta Lawyers Assistance Society
- Member, University of Calgary Faculty of Law, Faculty Council
- Corporate Secretary for boards of public companies and private companies, including special committees of the Board.

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Nancy is Vice-President & General Counsel for the Ferus group of companies, where she serves on the Senior Executive Team and oversees the legal group, as well as People & Culture and Community & Government Relations. Nancy has over 28 years of experience in the energy industry, including serving as Vice-President Legal at ConocoPhillips Canada from 2001-2007 and Vice-President Legal at two publicly traded companies from 2007 to 2015. Prior to that, Nancy was in private practice at one of Alberta's large law firms.

In 2013, Nancy was awarded the Lexpert Zenith Award as one of Canada's Leading Women Lawyers.

Nancy has served as a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta since 2012 and in that capacity has served on all of the Law Society's major committees, including as an elected member of the Executive Committee and as Vice-Chair of the Conduct Committee, Finance Committee and Governance Committee, and Chair of the Credentials & Education Committee and the Practice Review Committee. Nancy served on the Strategic Planning Task Force in both 2013 and 2016.



Chandra Flett

Year of Call: 2006

Practice Areas: Family Law, Collaborative Family Law, Family Mediation, Real Estate, Wills and Estates
Civil Litigation

Governance/Board Experience:

- 2017 - Heart of Wood Buffalo Awards Board Leadership Nominee
- 2012 - 2014: Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Assessment Review Board - Member and Acting and past Chair
- 2011 - present: Wood Buffalo Food Bank Board of Directors - currently Vice-Chair
- 2010 - present: Some Other Solutions for Crisis Prevention Board of Directors - currently Chair
- 2008 - present: Fort McMurray Bar Association - President
- 2008: Fort McMurray Bar Association - Coordinator for Law Day

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Chandra is a founding partner of Flett Manning Moore in Fort McMurray where she has lived and practiced for 12 years. Chandra was born and raised in the rural farming community of Hines Creek, the eldest of two daughters to a long-haul trucker and village hairdresser. Chandra received her bachelor's degree in Camrose in 2002 and her law degree at the University of Alberta in 2005.

Chandra's niche as a lawyer quickly fell into family law due to her no-nonsense, straight talk approach coupled with personal understanding as a child of divorce. She is a family mediator and the sole registered collaborative family lawyer in Fort McMurray.

Chandra's family are proud members of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation.

Chandra's personal passion is to provide support and assistance to social profit organizations in Fort McMurray. She is the Chair and Vice-Chair of two organizations that were fundamental in providing essential services and post-intervention services to Fort McMurray residents and emergency crews in the aftermath of the 2016 wildfire.

Chandra's professional focus is to bring greater appreciation and understanding to the legal community of the challenges and benefits resulting from practice in rural communities along with struggles faced by young lawyers and women in balancing family commitments in the legal profession.



Corie Flett

Year of Call: 2011

Practice Areas: Family, Civil Litigation, Business, Wills and Estates, Real Estate, Criminal, Overall General Litigation

Governance/Board Experience:

- September 2017 to present - Director with Pro Bono Law Alberta
- August 2017 to present - Director with the Wood Buffalo Community Foundation
- 2017 to present - Canadian Bar Association National Judicial Issues Sub-Committee member
- 2017 to present - Canadian Bar Association Alberta Branch Executive Council member
- 2015 to present - Law Society of Alberta Credentials and Education Committee member
- 2015 to present - Director and Chair of Governance Committee for the Fort McMurray Airport Authority
- 2013 to present - Director with the Northern Lights Health Foundation
- 2008 to 2009 - President & Vice-President - Aboriginal Law Students' Association

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I am a long-term resident of Fort McMurray, Alberta and Partner at the firm Cooper & Company. The firm was established over 40 years ago by Robert Campbell, Q.C. and the Honourable Mr. Justice A.W. Germain, earning it the title as the longest standing law firm in the oil sands region. My practice is a general practice, with a primary focus in family law and civil litigation.

I am also First Nations and a member of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation. My grandmother was my inspiration and guidance to pursuing a career path in law. She was a survivor of the residential schools, as were the majority of her children. The systemic and ongoing impacts of residential schools, felt even generations later, has been the motivating factor for my passion to assist in issues of access to justice.

In 2010, as an articling student with Cooper & Company, I commenced a legal clinic, travelling to the outlier First Nation communities within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to provide free legal advice and assist elders by completing Wills. I continue to do this.

I have a passion to use my legal knowledge and skill set to give back to the community, in which I have been fortunate to build a career and family, and to the legal community. My volunteer and governance experience has been extensive over the last several years, as I have taken every opportunity to continue my professional growth.



Crae Garrett

Year of Call: 2005

Practice Areas: Business law, with a focus on energy, infrastructure, resources and mining in Canada and emerging markets in Africa, Southeast Asia and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Governance/Board Experience:

Current:

- Opportunity International Canada, Board Member
- Debono Services Ltd., Director
- Gas Alberta Inc., Corporate Secretary
- Member of the Institute of Corporate Directors

Previous:

- Raystar Capital Inc., Director
- FT Asset Management Services Ltd., Director
- FT Industrial Services Ltd., Director
- Imara Capital (Zimbabwe) Pvt. Ltd., Director
- Association for Christian Schooling in Calgary South, Board Member
- Just Children Foundation, Board Member
- Norton Rose Fulbright Canada Compensation Committee, Chair
- Norton Rose Fulbright Canada Management Committee, Member
- Law Society of Alberta Credentials & Education Committee, Member
- Law Society of Alberta Practice Review Committee, Member

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Crae Garrett was born and raised in Zimbabwe. He obtained an honours degree in business science and a law degree from the University of Cape Town and in 1990 commenced practice in Zimbabwe.

During his time in Zimbabwe, Crae witnessed firsthand the erosion of respect for the rule of law that occurred in that nation at the turn of the millennium and the ease with which the rule of law can be compromised. In 2003, after working both as a lawyer and as an investment banker in Harare, Crae emigrated to Canada with his family and settled in Calgary.

Crae entered the legal profession in Alberta through the National Committee on Accreditation process, articulated at Macleod Dixon LLP (now Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP) and participated in the inaugural Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education session in 2004, before being called to the Alberta bar in 2005. He was made a Partner of the firm in 2006.

Crae taught the international petroleum transactions course at the University of Calgary for a number of years before taking on a management role at his firm, in which capacity, he was part of the team that negotiated and implemented Macleod Dixon's 2012 merger with Norton Rose Fulbright and the firm's subsequent mergers with Bull Houser & Tupper, Fulbright & Jaworski and Chadbourne & Parke. These activities all provided Crae with a good understanding and insight about the challenges facing the legal profession, not only in Alberta, but in other parts of the world.

Crae practises business law, with a focus on energy, infrastructure, resources and mining in Canada and emerging markets in Africa, South East Asia and the Commonwealth of Independent States. He is called to the bar in Alberta, Zimbabwe and England & Wales and is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He heads up Norton Rose Fulbright's Energy business unit in Canada.



Fraser Gordon

Year of Call: 1997

Practice Areas: Family Law, Child Welfare Law, Mental Health Law, Real Estate Conveyancing, Wills and Estates

Governance/Board Experience:

- Mental Health Review Panel (Southern Region) - 2012 to present
- Legal Aid Alberta Regional Appeal Committee (South) - 2007 to 2012

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I was called in 1997 and since then have practiced primarily in the areas of family and child welfare law. I sat on the Legal Aid Alberta Southern Appeals Commission from 2007 until 2012, and am presently a member of the Mental Health Review Panel (Calgary and South).



Leighton Grey

Year of Call: 1993

Practice Areas: Criminal Law, Civil Litigation, Child Protection Cases

Governance/Board Experience:

- Board of Governors of Portage College from 2011 to 2017
- Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association
- Northern Legal Aid Appeals Committee
- Hockey Alberta Player Safety Committee

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Leighton is 49 years of age and was born in Regina, Saskatchewan. He grew up in the Kensington Community of northwest Edmonton, where he excelled in sports and academics. He graduated with honours from Queen Elizabeth Composite High School in 1985 and received the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship. He also played Bantam and Midget AAA hockey with the Canadian Athletic Club. From 1985 to 1987, Leighton attended Camrose Lutheran College, where he pursued a dual major in English Literature and History.

Leighton received a Bachelor of Arts (Distinction) in 1989 from the University of Alberta and graduated from its Faculty of Law in 1992. A Status Indian, he was the recipient of the Government of Canada Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Scholarship from 1989 - 92. He completed Articles of Clerkship with the Federal Department of Justice in 1993, before taking a hiatus to play minor league pro hockey for the Daytona Beach Sun Devils.

In 1995, Leighton returned from the U.S. to practice law in St. Paul, Alberta, with Vital Ouellette, who was appointed Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench in 2002. Leighton then moved his practice to Cold Lake and formed a partnership with Todd Munday in January of 2005.

Leighton was admitted to the Law Society of Saskatchewan in 2004 and the Law Society of British Columbia in 2014. He is a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the National Association of Criminal Defence Lawyers, and the Canadian Bar Association. Leighton has stood as Principal to five articling students since 2007.

His chief areas of practice are criminal law, civil litigation and child protection cases. He has tried many high-profile cases in the Courts of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Leighton became certified in the Harvard University Model of Interest-Based Mediation through the University of Windsor School of Law in 2011, and serves as an Adjudicator in Law Society of Alberta Disciplinary Hearings. He was the recipient of the 2013 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Award and the 2015 Access to Justice Award for his exemplary commitment to the Legal Aid Society of Alberta. Since 2003, Leighton has been actively involved in prosecution of Residential School Claims and was involved in over 200 Independent Assessment Hearings.

Leighton is very active as a hockey skills coach and mentor. He is also the Founder and President of the Lakeland Sports and Learning Academy, a non-profit society devoted to the creation and delivery of athletic programs to youth in Cold Lake and the surrounding area.



Adam Halliday

Year of Call: 2002

Practice Areas: Criminal Prosecutions

Governance/Board Experience:

- Northern Lights Theatre - 2017 - Board Member
- Association of Justice Counsel - 2002-2007- Governing Counsel Member
- Community Futures Development Corporation - 2000 - Kamloops

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PERSONAL QUALITIES:

- I am committed and will put forward the effort
- I have the necessary experience
- I am open minded
- I embrace change
- I have a wealth of criminal law practice experience
- I am fair, intelligent, empathetic, patient, democratic, and believe in diversity, and human dignity
- 16 years combined call to the bar: [Law Society of Alberta (2002) & British Columbia (2000)]
- Federal Government lawyer (since 2002) and a Federal Prosecutor (since 2007)
- Demonstrable work-life balance
- Volunteer & leader since the 1990's
- Positive, energetic, and team-oriented
- Empathetic and want to assist members of my community

KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, COMPETENCIES:

I have conducted many criminal trials as Prosecuting Crown Counsel at both the Provincial and Superior Court levels in Alberta and I am known as a prosecutor who is fair and effective. I am known for my open communication style and ability to self-assess. In working with others, I pursue effective file outcomes through effort, initiative, and a positive attitude.

I began volunteering for the Elizabeth Fry Society at the Calgary Courthouse in the early 1990's and was a Student Representative on the President's Committee for the Status of Women at the University of Calgary at around the same time. I have been doing free legal work for the last six years with the Edmonton Community Legal Clinic and their Board honoured me in 2016 with a Long Service Award. I have been volunteering with Uncles and Aunts at Large in Edmonton for the last two years.

My outlook is optimistic and progressive. I am respectful and fair-minded. I believe in empowering others, striving for excellence, and encouraging diversity through everyone's participation. I believe democracy resides in each Citizen and we all have a stake and obligation to working towards cooperation, diversity, and understanding in our communities.



Bill Hendsbee

Year of Call: 1994

Practice Areas: Personal Injury

Governance/Board Experience:

Law Society of Alberta Experience:

- 2011 - 2014 Member, Civil Practice Advisory Committee;
- 2007 - 2014 Member, Advertising Rules Subcommittee
- 2008 - 2011 Member, Conduct Committee;

Other Related Experience:

- 2013 - 2017 Board of Directors, Alberta Climbing Association;
- 2015 - 2016 President, Edmonton Bar Association;
- 2013 - 2015 President, Alberta Climbing Association;
- 2012 - Present Board of Directors, Edmonton Bar Association;
- 2010 - Present Board of Directors, Climbing Canada;
- 2007 - 2013 Board of Directors, Canadian Paraplegic Association;
- 2006 - Present Commissioner, Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference;
- 2005 - 2006 President, Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association;
- 2003 - 2010 Mediator, Provincial Court of Alberta;
- 2000 - 2007 Board of Directors, Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association;
- 2000 - 2007 Board of Directors, Paralympic Sports Association

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Experience. Integrity. Commitment.

A long time Edmontonian, I am keenly committed to making the city a better place to live, work and raise a family. My volunteer work has included dedication to the legal community, to the community at large and to helping my children pursue their passions. I started volunteering at the grassroots level, coaching baseball and soccer, which then evolved into developing the infrastructure of competition climbing at the local, Provincial and National levels. Professionally, I have been extensively involved with the Law Society, the Edmonton Bar Association and Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association, serving as President of the latter two organizations, while also speaking at and moderating seminars for both Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association and the Legal Education Society of Alberta. When one of my partners succumbed to cancer, I organized and Chaired an annual golf tournament in his memory, which raised in excess of \$300,000 for the Alberta Cancer Foundation over a ten year period.

When I do things, I do them well. Now that my children are grown, I have the time to commit to serving as a Bencher, which will allow me to continue contributing to the legal community and to the community at large in a meaningful way.

Professional Experience:

1996 - Present Partner/Associate, Cummings Andrews Mackay LLP

1993 - 1995 Associate/Student, Bishop McKenzie LLP



Karen Hewitt

Year of Call: 1990

Practice Areas: Criminal

Governance/Board Experience:

Current:

- Member of the Board of Governors, Concordia University of Edmonton
- Member of the Steering Committee for Strategic Planning at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law

Past:

- Public Member for the College of Physical Therapists of Alberta
- Co-Chair of the Canadian Bar Association, Criminal Subsection (North)
- Member of the Canadian Bar Association, Legislative Review Committee
- Member of the Board of the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta
- Member of the Advisory Committee on Inclusive Education for Edmonton Public Schools

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Ms. Hewitt was born and raised in Edmonton, where she attended Concordia College (now Concordia University of Edmonton) before obtaining her Bachelor of Arts (Special) degree in Political Science at the University of Alberta. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree at the University of Alberta, and later, while working full-time, her Master of Laws degree in criminal law from Osgoode Hall, York University, where much of her course work focused on prosecutorial ethics.

Admitted in 1990, Ms. Hewitt has served as Crown Counsel for over 25 years, litigating a wide variety of criminal cases in Edmonton, Calgary and a number of rural court points across Alberta. For the last 10 years, Ms. Hewitt has worked in the Specialized Prosecutions Branch of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, providing advice and litigating serious, complex and high-profile cases. While in Alberta Justice, she has worked on a number of policy initiatives for the Alberta government, which include providing advice on the development of legislation toward a Witness Protection Program for Alberta, the development of provincial legislative initiatives to assist in the investigation of Organized Crime, the development of a cross-ministry plan to reduce gang involvement for at-risk indigenous children in Alberta, and, most recently, leading the development and use of restorative sentencing options for corporate offenders within the scope of Occupational Health and Safety prosecutions for Alberta Justice.

A firm believer in ethical practice and the importance of continuing legal education, Ms. Hewitt dedicates a substantial portion of her volunteer time to research, writing and education, developing and delivering legal education courses for lawyers, law students, police and members of the public. Over the course of her career, she has been actively involved in the development and delivery of courses for criminal law practitioners within Alberta Justice, served as a sessional lecturer at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law, been involved as Chair and faculty for courses for the Legal Education Society of Alberta and has served as faculty at the National Criminal Law Program, Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

In 2010, Ms. Hewitt received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Concordia University of Edmonton. In 2015, she received the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law, Pringle-Royal Sessional Teaching Excellence Award. Most recently, in 2016, Ms. Hewitt was honoured to receive the Women in Law Leadership Award for Leadership in the Profession (Government).



Steven Hinkley

Year of Call: 2010 (Alberta), 2009 (NS), 2004 (NWT), 2000 (NB)

Practice Areas: Criminal, Administrative Law, Policy

Governance/Board Experience:

- Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta
Vice-Chair; Board of Directors 2013 - Present
- Caribou Child and Youth Centre
Operational Committee 2013 - Present
- Rotary - Grande Prairie
Member; Allocations Committee 2013 - Present
- Citizen's Advisory Committee on Corrections Regional Chair
Atlantic Region 1999 to 2004
- Law Society of the Northwest Territories 2005 to 2008
 - i) Member of the Admissions Committee
 - ii) Member of the Discipline Committee

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McGill Law School

Degree Earned: Bachelor of Laws, 1996 - 1999

Law Society Memberships:

Alberta 2010 - Present; N.S. 2009 - 2010; N.T. 2004 - 2009; N.B. 2000 - 2004, 2012 - 2014

Experience:

Department of Justice, Grande Prairie - Chief Crown Prosecutor, 2012 to Present

I am the Chief Crown Prosecutor for the Grande Prairie Crown Prosecutors' office, covering a large geographical area including multiple communities and a net population of over 140,000 people. I have undertaken several exceptional duties during my tenure, including but not limited to the following; training and designation as an Agent of the Attorney General for making Part VI applications; attending, by invitation, in Ontario to conduct the prosecution of a Crown Attorney in that jurisdiction; conducting the prosecution of a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as a result of an Alberta Serious Incident Response Team investigation and acting as Executive Director for all Regional Prosecutions when required.

Department of Justice, Fort McMurray - Chief Crown Prosecutor, 2010 to 2012

Department of Justice, Canada, Halifax, NS - Legal Counsel Royal Canadian Mounted Police Legal Services 2008 to 2010

This position was created as a pilot project for having Legal Counsel embedded with the individual Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) head. I was Legal Counsel for the RCMP in Nova Scotia, covering all facets of law, as a satellite to the main RCMP Legal Services office in Ottawa. I devised, created and delivered numerous training courses for the RCMP in the Division. For all intents and purposes, I served as a one-person law firm for the over 1,000 RCMP in Nova Scotia.

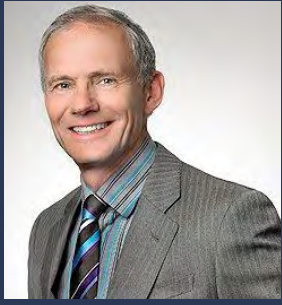
Public Prosecution Service of Canada, Yellowknife, NT - Crown Counsel, 2004 to 2007

N.B. Department of Public Prosecutions, Saint John, NB - Crown Counsel, 2002 to 2004

Teed & Teed, Saint John, NB - Associate, 2000 to 2002

Civic Activities:

Various School Speaking Engagements, 2012 to Present



Cal Johnson

Year of Call: 1975

Practice Areas: Banking, Finance

Governance/Board Experience:

- Bencher, Law Society of Alberta, 2013 - Present
- Chair of the Board, Vertigo Theatre, 2006 - 2010; Chair, Artistic Director Search, 2011
- Member of the Board, The Backdoor (now The Doorway), 2004 - 2009
- Member of the Board, Springbank Community Planning Association, 2001 - 2009, Vice-Chair, 2005 - 2009
- Board of Directors, United Way, 1987 - 1994
- Chair, United Way Campaign Cabinet, Professional Division, 1986
- Chair, Legal Liaison Committee, Calgary Home Builders' Association, 1983 - 1985
- Assistant-Chair, United Way Campaign Cabinet, Professional Division, 1983 - 1985

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BD&P Partner, Corporate Commercial, 1981 - 2013 and Of Counsel since 2013
University of Alberta, Bachelor of Laws, 1975

I am standing for re-election as a Bencher, where, for the past four years, my involvement has specifically included:

- Chair of the Audit Committee
- Chair of the Governance Committee
- Chair of the Corporate & Commercial Advisory Liaison Committee
- Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee, Legislation Review Task Force, Professional Responsibility Committee, Audit Committee and Governance Committee
- Member of the Innovating Regulation Task Force, member of the Conduct, Practise Review, Appeal and Trust Safety Committees
- Peer Support volunteer with Alberta Lawyers' Assistance Society (ASSIST) and speaker on behalf of ASSIST at various professional forums, including at Legal Education Society of Alberta Seminar on Being an Excellent Principal
- Instructor with Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education for the section on Professional Responsibility

My direct experience as a commercial practitioner and as an active member of a number of not-for-profit boards has enabled me to be a strong advocate for modernizing the governance practices of the Law Society of Alberta and enhancing the diversity and specific competencies and skill sets at the Bencher table. It has also been my focus to promote the structuring of our board as a strategic and policy board while devolving some of our more traditional tasks to volunteer members of our profession. I am committed to maintaining and supporting a great privilege - the ability to regulate our own profession. My work on the Innovating Regulation Task Force has sensitized me to the many challenges and changes the profession is experiencing, and will continue to experience, from both inside and outside the profession.



Cameron Jose

Year of Call: 2004

Practice Areas: Criminal, Quasi - Criminal Law

Governance/Board Experience:

- Adult Aboriginal Justice Committee
- Director of the family oil companies

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I am a Crown Prosecutor with the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service - Calgary Division. I have been with this office since July 2014. Prior to this, I was with the Calgary Rural and Regional Response Office based in Calgary but dealt with the regional courtrooms surrounding Calgary. My career as a Crown Prosecutor began in Peace River in 2004 where I began as a junior Crown Prosecutor and eventually became the Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor before moving to Calgary. The Peace River Office had a juridical area that covered up to High Level and down to Slave Lake and all points around and in between. My duties and obligations in these roles allowed me to learn, develop and hone my skills to deal with conflicts and issues that arose with employees in those offices and with stakeholders from different cultures and with different goals.

Prior to returning to Law School in 2000 at the University of Alberta, I had a career with my family's junior oil companies which lasted for over two decades. In my role with those companies I had to deal with personnel issues and assisting employees with problems they were having. Our company worked all over the world exploring for and developing oil reserves for major oil companies in other countries. The majority of our work was in Alberta and Northern British Columbia. The oil companies are now being wound down as my parents age and the production and pools have been sold. I was provided with a wealth of experience dealing with people from other countries and other cultures.

While I was articling with Alberta Justice in Edmonton, I was privileged to be asked to join the Adult Aboriginal Justice Committee where I experienced working with people from different socio-economic backgrounds and different cultures that were all working towards a common goal. This again allowed me to hone my skills and learn from the people involved in the Committee.



Anna Konye

Year of Call: 2007

Practice Areas: Criminal

Governance/Board Experience:

- Past-President of Edmonton Bar Association

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Anna is a criminal defence lawyer and partner at Sprake Song & Konye in Edmonton, and is committed to strong and ethical advocacy, regardless of whether a person is charged with shoplifting or first-degree murder. She has conducted jury trials for the most serious criminal offences in Canada, and has acted for appellants in the Court of Appeal of Alberta and the Supreme Court of Canada. She also participated in the Braidwood Inquiry, which investigated the circumstances surrounding Mr. Robert Dziekanski's death at the Vancouver International Airport and the use of police tasers in British Columbia.

For approximately ten years, Anna served in the Canadian Forces as a Maritime Surface and Sub-Surface Officer in the Naval Reserve, retiring as a Lieutenant (Navy). She was awarded the Commodore Bennett Award for being the top recruit completing the MARS III phase of training. During her service, she was also appointed as an Aide-de-Camp for the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.

Anna was born and raised in Edmonton, and received her degrees in history and law at the University of Alberta. She articulated to the late Alexander D. Pringle, Q.C. in 2006, and thereafter practiced criminal law as an associate at Pringle & Associates before joining Sprake Song & Konye in 2012. Anna has continued her dedication to service through her involvement in the legal profession, and served as President of the Edmonton Bar Association between 2010 and 2011.

In August of this year, Anna took a break from her practice to summit Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.



David Labrenz

Year of Call: 1987

Practice Areas: Criminal Law

Governance/Board Experience:

- Past Director of the Chamber of Commerce
- Past Director of Southern Alberta Crime Stoppers Association
- Past Vice-President of the Alberta Crown Attorney's Association
- Past involvement with a number of prosecution related committees, including youth justice committees, mental health diversion committees, and other alternative justice committee work.

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My work as a lawyer, of more than 30 years, has given me the practical experience to recognize the work of a lawyer is one of unique privilege, and at the same time fundamentally one of public duty. My background as a litigator and as a public officer, has served to reinforce the notion that all lawyers have a collective duty to foster respect for fundamental principles of justice, the legal profession, and the courts - while simultaneously serving the needs of individual clients.

The Law Society of Alberta, as a self-governing body, must always seek to maintain and advance these ideals.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have the support of my employer to invest the significant time required to work as a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta. I will not have to work off the corner of my desk. The Law Society of Alberta prescribes its values as integrity, transparency, fairness, competency, independence, and respect. It is imperative that our Law Society through proper stewardship continue to remain the model for a self-regulated, independent and publically-trusted governing body.

I have had the great pleasure of working as a general practitioner, a criminal defence specialist, and, over the last many years, as a Crown Prosecutor. My work as a criminal trial lawyer has provided me with experience in substantive, evidentiary and procedural criminal law. My work as Appellate Counsel for the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service has provided me with a different perspective.

I have practiced law and resided in the northern, central and southern regions of Alberta. From that experience, I am keenly aware of regional variances.

I have appeared in all levels of court in Alberta and in the Supreme Court of Canada. My experience as a prosecutor includes 31 homicides and, approximately, 100 jury trials. My work history includes extensive trial work, teaching and, recently, appellate counsel.

I have mentored young lawyers, and have acted as a principle to articling students. I have received awards of recognition for my work. I have a strong interest in legal ethics.

I have greatly benefited from my active involvement in teaching, and have spent time as education counsel, and as Acting Director of Education for the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service. In addition to teaching at legal conferences, new prosecutor orientation, and crown prosecutor school, I have written many educational papers, case summaries, and other similar educational materials. I have lectured to the general public, to prosecutors and to the police on a variety of topics - including advocacy training.

My experience as a litigator, educator and as a government lawyer for over 30 years, gives me the perspective to connect with all members of the bar, from the recently admitted to the long-serving members and, from that perspective, to serve as a Bencher.



Linda Long

Year of Call: 1986

Practice Areas: Family Law, Family Mediation, Family Arbitration

Governance/Board Experience:

- Board Member, Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society
- Board Member, Alberta Family Mediation Society
- Co-Chair, Association of Collaborative Professionals (Edmonton)
- Board Member, Minister's Advisory Board on Women in the Canadian Forces
- Automobile Insurance Dispute Resolution Committee, Alberta Government
- Steering Committee Member, Court Annexed Mediation program, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta
- Steering Committee Member, Civil Mediation Practice Note, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta
- Steering Committee Member, Family Law Practice Manual redevelopment
- Co-Chair, Provincial Roundtable Court Annexed Mediation
- Secretary, Family Advisory Court Team, Provincial Court Edmonton
- Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Canadian Bar Association Northern Alberta
- Chair, Seniors' Section, Canadian Bar Association Northern Alberta
- Chair, Constitutional and International Law Section, Canadian Bar Association Northern Alberta
- Vice-Chair, Constitutional and Civil Liberties Section, Canadian Bar Association Northern Alberta
- Member, Chartered Mediator Accreditation Committee of the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Canada
- Chair, Membership Committee, Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society

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Linda L. Long was admitted to the Bar in Alberta in 1986. She has practiced family law in boutique law settings throughout her career until she founded Long Family Law Office in 2004, which is now providing family law services as Long Family Law Group LLP.

Linda is a Registered Family Mediator with the Alberta Family Mediation Society and a Registered Collaborative Family Lawyer with the Association of Collaborative Professionals (Edmonton). She is an Arbitrator holding a Certificate in Arbitration through the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society. She also served as Children's Counsel for 10 years on the Roster of the Legal Representation of Children and Youth office of the Children's Advocate.

Linda was recognized by the Minister of Justice for Alberta and by the Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench for her efforts in the creation, development and implementation of the Court Annexed Mediation Program.

Linda has volunteered since September 2009, as the Secretary to the Provincial Court Family Advisory Court Team in Edmonton. She volunteers annually as a Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education lecturer. She has guest lectured at the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta, to the Advanced Family Law course and served as a Moot Court Judge for many years at the University of Alberta.

Early in her career as a lawyer, Linda was appointed to the Minister's Advisory Board on Women in the Canadian Forces and advised the Minister of National Defence on gender integration policy matters for three years during a time of rapid social change in the Canadian Forces.

In her personal life, Linda has spearheaded two refugee sponsorships, one of a family of eight Cambodian refugees and the other of a Rwandan man. She has been awarded an Eagle Feather and an honorary Star Blanket from elders in the native community for her work with native children.

Between 2011 and 2013 Linda Chaired the Steering Committee charged with redevelopment of the Legal Education Society Family Law Manual to bring it into compliance with the 2010 Rules of Court.



Jim Lutz

Year of Call: 1992

Practice Areas: Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Professional Misconduct

Governance/Board Experience:

- Current President of the Calgary Bar Association
- Executive Board Member of the Calgary Bar Association 2010 - Present
- Case Management Committee, Provincial Court of Alberta 2005 - 2008
- Law Society of Alberta Criminal Advisory Committee 2004 - 2007

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My practice is criminal law. I have appeared at all levels of Court in Alberta, the Supreme Court of Canada, as well, and in the trial courts of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

I attend Court on a daily basis and am keenly aware of the needs of unrepresented and indigent litigants. I have also served as Pro Bono Counsel for lawyers in Law Society disciplinary hearings.

My experience includes lecturing on legal topics at the University of Calgary, Faculties of Law and Social Sciences, Mount Royal University and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

My educational work includes being a Bar Admission Course instructor, an instructor for the Calgary Police Service and Calgary Fire Department, as well as a panel member for the Legal Education Society of Alberta on Criminal Law and Practice Updates.

Within the legal community, my work as a practitioner has included involvement with Calgary Legal Guidance, Student Legal Assistance and the Trial Advocacy Program at the University of Calgary. I am the current President of the Calgary Bar Association and have sat on the Criminal Practice Advisory Committee of the Law Society of Alberta.

Over the last 25 years, my practice has taught me about both business in a private firm, the profession of being a lawyer and how to make both work.



Stacy Maurier

Year of Call: 2001

Practice Areas: Wills and Estates, Real Estate, Corporate

Governance/Board Experience:

- Practice Assessor, Law Society of Alberta (2016 - present)
- Public Board Member, Government of Alberta Second Level Management Appeal Board for opted out and excluded (2013 - 2016)
- Board Member, Canadian Bar Association National Solo and Small Practice Forum (2008 - 2015)
- Board Member, St. Albert Seniors Centre (2009 - 2011)

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EDUCATION

University of Alberta, Bachelor of Laws, 2000

University of Alberta, After-Degree in Native Studies, 1997

Augustana University, Camrose, Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies, 1996

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Estate Connection Law Office, Founding Partner

St. Albert, 2016 - 2017

Weary & Company Law Office, Partner - Real Estate, Corporate and Wills and Estates work

St. Albert, 2007 - 2016

Galbraith Law, Associate- Real Estate, Corporate and Wills and Estates work

Edmonton, 2004 - 2005

Government of Alberta, Policy and Legislative Planning for Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Learning

2001 - 2004

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Taken various courses on mediation and litigation from the Legal Education Society of Alberta. In addition, taught, courses on issues affecting Wills and Estates for the St. Albert Library and the Edmonton Public School Board.



William Ostapek

Year of Call: 1984

Practice Areas: Civil Litigation, Corporate, Employment/Labour; Administrative/Boards/Tribunals
Intellectual Property

Governance/Board Experience:

- Secretary and General Counsel - Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta
- President - Alumni and Friends of the Faculty of Law Association, University of Alberta
- Volunteer Member - Finance and Audit Committee - Law Society of Alberta
- Volunteer Member - Credentials and Education Committee - Law Society of Alberta
- Volunteer Member - Conduct Committee - Law Society of Alberta
- Faculty of Law Representative - Alumni Council - University of Alberta
- Fundraising Chair - Alumni and Friends of the Faculty of Law Association
- President - Beaumont and District Agricultural Society
- President - Orchid Species Preservation Foundation
- Vice-President - Orchid Society of Alberta
- Fundraising Chair - Kinsmen Club of Edmonton

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Mr. Ostapek is Secretary and General Counsel for the Workers' Compensation Board, where he has worked for over 28 years. In addition to serving as legal advisor to the Board of Directors and senior management, he is responsible for management of the Legal Services, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy and Policy departments.

A native of Edmonton, Mr. Ostapek attended the University of Alberta where he received his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws degrees. He was called to the Bar in 1984 and has practiced in Edmonton since that time. His practice focuses on administrative law, board governance issues, labour and employment, and intellectual property and technology law. He has appeared before all levels of court in Alberta, as well as before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Ostapek has served as a sessional lecturer at the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta in administrative law and workers' compensation law. He is co-author of the text *Workers' Compensation Practice in Alberta* and Thomson Reuters' *Practical Law Canada practice note on Workers' Compensation in Alberta*. He is a long standing member of the Canadian Bar Association's Administrative Law and Labour and Employment Law sections, the Canadian Information Technology Law Association and the Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association.

Mr. Ostapek has extensive board and governance experience. He is familiar with the operations of the major committees of the Law Society. Through his employment with the Workers' Compensation Board, he has significant experience in the governance and leadership of a regulatory agency managed in the public interest. He also has board experience with a number of volunteer and charitable organizations.



Walter Pavlic

Year of Call: 1986

Practice Areas: Labour, Employment

Governance/Board Experience:

- Bencher - Law Society of Alberta (2016 - Present)
- Board Member - Legal Education Society of Alberta, and Member of their Strategic Initiatives Committee
- Past Committee Member - Federal Judicial Appointment Advisory Committee
- Committee Member - Friends of the Faculty of Law Fundraising Committee
- Chair - Habitat for Humanity Legal Build - Justice Smith
- National Council Voting Member - Canadian Bar Association
- Past Committee Member - Provincial Court Appointment Advisory Committee
- Past President - Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Branch (2005), Executive Member
- Past President - Edmonton Bar Association
- Past Chair - Boyle Street Co-op Community Services
- Past Director - Canadian Hostelling Association

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Walter is a Partner with MLT Aikins LLP and practices out of their Edmonton office. He was called to the bar in 1986 and is a graduate of the University of Alberta. Prior to attending law school, Walter obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta and worked as a management consultant to both small and large businesses. Walter practices all aspects of Labour, Employment and Administrative law including wrongful dismissal actions, grievance arbitration, and Labour Relation Board appearances. He has appeared before all levels of Court in Alberta.

Walter is currently a Bencher and has been involved in numerous Law Society committees both as Bencher and as a volunteer committee member. He has served as a Member of the Conduct Committee, Credentials and Education Committee, and Practice Review Committee, as well as the Audit and Finance Committee. As a Bencher, Walter has participated in a number of disciplinary and resignation hearings. Walter's demonstrated commitment to the Law Society has resulted in him having an understanding and appreciation of both the role and the functioning of the Law Society.

Walter also has extensive leadership experience in the profession, having served as the Chair of numerous Canadian Bar Association Committees and Sections. His volunteer commitments also extend beyond the legal profession. He is actively involved in fundraising for theatre and arts groups.

In his spare time Walter is an avid road cyclist, mountain biker, backcountry skier, reader and political observer.

Walter wants to continue contributing to the ongoing development and implementation of the Law Society's 2017 - 2019 Strategic Plan. He has a particular interest in access to justice and governance issues.



Lou Pesta

Year of Call: 1983

Practice Areas: Real Estate

Governance/Board Experience:

- Past Board Member and Chairman of several community and political associations.

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Education: Juris Doctor, 1982 University of Calgary
Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), 1982 University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

Since my admission to the Alberta Bar in July of 1983, I have primarily practiced Real Estate Law and Mortgages as an associate and partner in law firms numbering from one to over one hundred lawyers. Since 1998 I have practiced with the firm of Walsh LLP.

Professional Activities:

2016 to present	Member Legal Advisors Group – Real Estate Council of Alberta (also 2012 to 2015)
2012	Sessional Chair for the 45th Annual LESA Refresher Course, Real Estate Law, in Lake Louise
2006	Sessional Chair for the 39th Annual LESA Refresher Course, Real Estate Law, in Lake Louise
2005 to present	Law Society of Alberta Mentor/Advisor in real estate transactions
2005	Recipient Alberta Centennial Medal for volunteerism
2002 to 2012	Contributor to and member of the Editorial Board for the Alberta Residential Conveyancing Guide
2001 to 2004	Chairman of a Joint Committee of the North and South Alberta Real Property sections addressing Title Insurance
1999 to 2010	Member of the Province of Alberta Real Estate Transaction Committee (Chairman 2006 to 2010)
1997 to 2014	Legal Counsel to the Alberta Real Estate Association
1992 to present	Instructor of licensing and continuing education courses for Realtors throughout the Province of Alberta
2000	Recipient of Masaryk Award (given to Canadians of Czech origin for outstanding achievement in a field of endeavor)
1996 to 2001	Honorary Consul for the Czech Republic in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan
1993 to 1995	Chair, South Alberta Real Property Law Section

In addition to the foregoing, since my admission to the Alberta Bar I have participated on numerous committees of the South Alberta Real Property Law Section including the *Builders' Lien Act* Repeal Committee, Plain Language Contracts Committee, Title Insurance Committee, Trust Conditions Committee, Rules of Practice for Real Property Reports Committee, new Residential Purchase Contract Review Committee and others. I have also written numerous articles and participated as a Panelist/Chair of several Legal Education Society of Alberta and Canadian Bar Association mid-winter meeting continuing education courses in real estate law.



Corinne Petersen

Year of Call: 1988

Practice Areas: Litigation, Professional Liability, Insurance, Mediation

Governance/Board Experience:

Law Society

- Bencher (since 2017)
- Member of the Conduct Committee (2015 - present)
- Member of the Credentials and Education Committee
- Prior Member of the Multi-Disciplinary Practice Committee

Community/Non-profit

- Terra Centre
 - Board Member 2008 - 2013 (various committees)
 - Legal Finance Committee for \$10,000,000 Capital Campaign for new facility - ongoing
- Past Board Member of the Society for Talent Education, the University of Alberta Daycare Society and the Greenfield Daycare Society

Professional

- Various management roles at CBM Lawyers including Managing Partner; Contact Partner (2001 - 2017) and Past President of Risk Management Counsel of Canada

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Over the years, I've enjoyed a varied and interesting career as a litigation lawyer, with a great deal of my practice representing lawyers and other professionals. I've also worked on numerous committees and boards both for the Law Society and non-profits. Having worked in large and medium sized firms, this year I decided to join forces with good friends in a new and innovative firm, Kingsgate Legal. I understand the challenges of working in a world where the practice of law is evolving. As a parent of grown children, I have a keen understanding of the demands of being a working parent with a busy law practice, while still making time to give back to the profession and the community, and finding time to walk the dog and get in a work out. I would be honored to continue to serve as a Bencher and to give back to my colleagues and the profession

Education

- Bachelor of Laws (University of Alberta) -1987
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) (University of Alberta) - 1983

Professional Experience

- Kingsgate Legal 2017 - present
- CBM Lawyers 2000 - 2017
- Dentons 1989 - 2000
- Maxwell Larson & Co (Lethbridge) 1987 - 988

Professional and Community Involvement

- Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta (appointed 2017)
- Member of the Law Society's Conduct Committee
- Member of The Law Society's Credentials and Education Committee
- Past Contact partner for the Justicia Project
- Civil Claims Duty Counsel Volunteer
- Lecturer/Instructor on practice and legal issues for the Legal Education Society of Alberta and other professional organizations
- Canadian Bar Association and Edmonton Bar Association Member, Speaker and past Executive Member of various subsections
- Past Alberta Real Estate Association Forms and Practice Committee advisor
- Volunteer and former Board Member of Terra Centre for Teen Parents
- Past Board Member of the Society for Talent Education, the University of Alberta Daycare Society and the Greenfield Daycare Society



Stacy Petriuk

Year of Call: 1997

Practice Areas: Civil Litigation

Governance/Board Experience:

- 2014 - present Member of the Board of Directors of Calgary Arts Development
- 2012 - 2014 Member of the Law Society of Alberta Continuing Competence Committee
- 2010 - 2011 President of the Rosedale Playschool Society
- 2001 - 2011 Member of the Southern Alberta Section of the Joint Canadian Bar Association/Law Society of Alberta Legislative Review Committee
- 2002 - 2005 City of Calgary Appointed Member of the Calgary Region Arts Foundation
- 2002 - 2004 Member of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association, Vice-President Seminars

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Born and raised in Calgary, I attended the University of Calgary for my Bachelor of Laws and the University of Cambridge for my Master of Laws. Immediately following my articles, I joined JSS Barristers as its fifth lawyer. Now, I am Managing Partner of over 30 lawyers.

After hours, I enjoy baking, cooking, growing my own vegetables, the arts, skiing, urban hiking, and hanging out with my family.

I would love the opportunity to serve my fellow lawyers and the legal profession as a Benchler.

Education

2001 Master of Laws, University of Cambridge, England
1996 Bachelor of Laws, University of Calgary
1991 Bachelor of Arts, Queen's University, Ontario

Professional Experience

1997 – present Jensen Shawa Solomon Duguid Hawkes LLP - I joined the firm in 1997 as its first associate and became a partner in 2004. I have been the Managing Partner since January 2015. My practice focuses exclusively in the area of civil litigation, with an emphasis on professional negligence defence work and commercial litigation.

1996 – 1997 Parlee McLaws - Articling Student

I am a member of the Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association, Association of Women Lawyers, International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, Canadian Bar Association, Calgary Bar Association, the Advocates' Society and the American Bar Association.

I have presented at numerous seminars in Calgary and Edmonton on topics including: e-trials, e-discovery, drafting pleadings, and the Rules of Court.



Robert Philp

Year of Call: 1976

Practice Areas: Labour, Criminal, Administrative Law

Governance/Board Experience:

Extensive 1976 - present

Currently:

- Board Member, Boyle Street Community Services
- Director, Alberta Lawyers Assistance Society
- REACH Edmonton
- Past President, Jellinek Society Recovery House
- Board Member, Edmonton Community Legal Centre

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Robert A, Philp has taken on many roles throughout his career - lawyer, Justice of the Peace, Provincial Court Judge, and most recently, Chief of the Alberta Human Rights Commission.

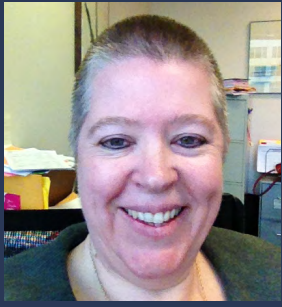
Bob Philp received both his Bachelor of Arts and his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Alberta, and was called to the bar in 1976. He has spent his entire career in Edmonton, practicing labour, criminal, and administrative law in private practice, as well as with the Alberta Labour Relations Board and Human Rights Commission, until his elevation to Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta in 2005. In 2014, he left the bench and took on the role of Chief of the Alberta Human Rights Commission.

While his professional experience is vast, it is his community involvement that sets Bob apart. In reviewing Bob's community involvement, a common thread becomes apparent - his desire to assist those who suffer from addictions, mental illness, homelessness, and other conditions that cause them to be marginalized by society.

Bob's professional life has blended with his community involvement in ways that enrich the lives of the disadvantaged citizens whom he volunteers his time to help. He is a strong proponent of restorative justice. He was a recipient of the Eagle Award from the Native Counselling Services of Alberta for his support and mentorship. While still with the Provincial Court of Alberta, Bob helped pilot a warrant mitigation initiative with Boyle Street Community Services, which enabled Boyle Street clients to work with the Crown Prosecutors to manage less serious warrants in such a way that resulted in fewer clients being incarcerated or suffer community consequences such as the denial of housing. His dedication to truly helping those that he has come across in his career exemplifies the best qualities of members of the legal profession.

In addition to his community volunteer activities, Bob has been a long time Law Society volunteer serving on the Practice Review Committee, the Conduct Committee, the Credentials and Education Committee, the Professional Responsibility Committee and representing members in conduct proceedings. Bob continues to assist with the Law Society Mentorship Program.

Bob has been an adjunct Professor at the University of Alberta. He continues to mentor many young lawyers and law students.



Penny Pritchett

Year of Call: 1991

Practice Areas: Family Law

Governance/Board Experience:

- Competence Committee, Alberta College of Social Workers (2012 - 2014)

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Penny Pritchett is a Family Law lawyer working in Calgary. She graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1981, a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Calgary in 1990 and a Master of Laws from York University in 2010. In addition to practising law since 1991, Penny also worked as a Child Welfare worker at the Calgary Crisis Unit on weekends until her retirement there in October 2015. In response to her concerns about the Alberta College of Social Workers (the Social Work governing body) Penny pestered them until they appointed her to the Competence Committee. As a member of that Committee, Penny was able to give voice to the concerns of the Alberta College of Social Workers membership.

Her professional priorities are sole practitioners and small firm lawyers.



Kathleen Ryan

Year of Call: 1992

Practice Areas: Litigation

Governance/Board Experience:

Bencher, Law Society of Alberta (2011 - Present)

- Executive Committee
- Appeals Committee
- Chair, Assurance Fund Adjudications (Finance) Committee
- Chair & Vice-Chair, Conduct Committee
- Vice-Chair, Credentials & Education Committee
- Finance Committee
- Governance Committee
- Vice-Chair, Insurance Committee
- Practice Review Committee
- Trust Safety Committee
- Chair, Continuing Competence Committee
- Vice-Chair, Innovation in Regulation Task Force
- Non-Bencher Adjudication Task Force
- Resignation Policy Task Force

Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association

- Board of Directors 1996 - current
- Ex-Officio Member of Board since 2006
- Past President 2005 - 2006

- President 2004 - 2005
- First Vice-President 2002 - 2004

St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild:

- Board of Directors, 1998 - current
- President, 2001

Community Board Governance Experience:

- President, Edmonton Ringette Club 2013- current
- Board Member, St. Andrew's Seniors Centre 2010-2016
- Board Member, 2009-2014, and Past Vice-President, 2012-2013, Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities
- Event Chair, Creating Safe Spaces Anti-Bullying Breakfast, 2010-2013
- Organizer, Gayle Shaw Memorial Fun Day Ringette Fundraiser for Alberta Cancer Foundation since 2013
- Sign of Hope Fundraiser, Legal Sector, since 1998

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Kathleen is honoured to have served the profession, the public, and the Law Society of Alberta for the past six years as an elected Bencher. Kathleen wants to continue that service.

Summary of Practice

- Litigation Partner: DLA Piper (Canada) LLP, Edmonton
- Practice focus: consumer, employment, and commercial litigation

Committed to the Profession

- Frequent Instructor or Evaluator Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education, Bar Admission Course, Negotiations, 2001-2016
- Organizer, Alberta Civil Trial Lawyer's Association Women's Legal Forum Charitable Event 2013, 2015, 2017
- Guest Lecturer, University of Alberta, Professional Responsibility - Ethics in Negotiation, 2007 - 2011
- Presented at or Chaired numerous Continuing Legal Education seminars including Rules of Court, advocacy, cross-examination, catastrophic injury, good faith terminations, and employee evidence

Recognized in Profession and Community

- Women in Law Leadership, Leadership in the Profession Award (Broader Roles), 2017
- Women's Executive Network Most Powerful Women in Canada Top 100, 2013
- Best Lawyers in Canada (Corporate and Commercial Litigation), 2016 - 2018
- Lexpert Leading Practitioner in Canada (Personal Injury Litigation), 2010 - 2012

Bar Membership & Education

Alberta, 1992; Northwest Territories, 2009

Bachelor of Laws, University of Alberta, 1991

Bachelor of Arts (with Distinction) University of Alberta, 1988



Darlene Scott

Year of Call: 1985

Practice Areas: Real Estate, Financial Services, Commercial

Governance/Board Experience:

- Bencher, Law Society of Alberta (2013 - present)
 - Executive Committee (2016 & 2017)
 - Chair of Real Estate Practice Advisory Committee (2013 - present)
 - Chair of Audit/Finance Committee (2015 & 2016)
 - Vice-Chair of Conduct Committee (2016 - present)
 - Vice-Chair of Credentials and Education Committee (2016)
 - Vice-Chair of Practice Review Committee (2017)
- Board Member of Alberta Law Foundation (2016 - present)
- Executive Committee and Board of Directors for Little Warriors (2009 - 2014)
- Chair of Southeast Community Health Council (1996 & 1997)
- Community League President, Gold Bar School

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Darlene has served as a Bencher since February 2013 and was elected to the Executive Committee in both 2016 and 2017.

Education and Professional Experience

Darlene studied Economics and Sociology at the University of Alberta (1978-81) and received her Bachelor of Laws (1984) from the University of Alberta. She subsequently served as a sessional instructor at the University of Alberta Law School in both Land Titles and Real Estate, as well as at the Faculty of Extension teaching real estate law.

After articling and spending several years at the firm then known as Cormie Kennedy, Darlene joined the Cruickshank Karvellas law firm in 1989. She became a Partner in 1991 and practised with Cruickshank Karvellas until its merger with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP in 2000. Since that time, Darlene has continued as a Partner at that firm, now Dentons Canada LLP. She served as Chair of the Edmonton Financial Services Group from 2000 until 2014 and has served on a number of firm committees, including the Nominating Committee and both local and national compensation committees. Her practice focuses on real estate, financial services and commercial law and she has been repeatedly recognized by both Lexpert and Best Lawyer.

Professional Volunteer Activities

Darlene has chaired and presented papers at a number of Legal Education Society of Alberta courses offered to both lawyers and legal assistants, has been a Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education and Bar Admission instructor and was a contributing editor of a Legal Education Society of Alberta Real Estate Conveyancing Manual. She has also served on the Executive of the Business Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association, been a speaker at various Canadian Bar Association Section meetings, and served on the Faculty of Law Alumni Association.

Personal and Volunteer Activities

Darlene continues to support the good work of Little Warriors. She has provided pro bono legal services to Little Warriors and also to The Edmonton Women's Shelter Ltd. (WIN House). She was on the local organizing committee for the International Associations of Athletics Federations World Championship Half Marathon held in Edmonton. She has also volunteered extensively within her own community, serving as Chair of various school parent councils, and as an Officer and Director of a charter school board. She is a long time supporter of United Way and she and her family all support and volunteer with the Terry Fox Run in Edmonton. Darlene lives in Edmonton with her family. They enjoy spending time with each other and their extended family at the lake.



Jean-Pascal Siewe

Year of Call: 2012

Practice Areas: Family & Divorce, Real Estate, Immigration, Corporate

Governance/Board Experience:

- President of Sacred Heart Ex-Students Association Alberta

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Jean-Pascal Siewe ("Jean-Pascal") is a Sole Practitioner practicing in Calgary in the areas of Family Law & Divorce, Real Estate, Immigration and Corporate.

Jean-Pascal is fluently bilingual in English and French and he has represented clients in both languages in Provincial Court, Court of Queen's Bench, Immigration & Refugee Tribunal hearings, and Disciplinary Tribunal hearings.

Jean-Pascal hails from Cameroon in Africa. He attended Law School in London, England, and he later moved to Calgary where he secured an articling position with a local firm. Upon getting called to the Alberta bar Jean-Pascal decided to hang out his shingle in the Calgary area, though he has also worked in collaboration with other practices in the area.

Jean-Pascal started volunteering with Calgary Legal Guidance drafting legal content while he was still in the UK and he continued with Calgary Legal Guidance for long after his arrival in Calgary. Calgary Legal Guidance awarded Jean-Pascal a Distinguished Service Award in 2013. Jean-Pascal also volunteers with Alberta Lawyers' Assistance Society and with the *Association de Juristes d'Expression Française en Alberta*, an association of French-speaking lawyers in Alberta. He has led presentations on various legal issues to the French-speaking communities in Calgary, Brooks, Edmonton and Grande Prairie.

Jean-Pascal has benefitted from the mentorship of senior lawyers in Calgary, which encouraged him to mentor other junior lawyers including taking on a law student.

Jean-Pascal Siewe est un avocat exerçant seul à Calgary dans les domaines du droit de la famille et du divorce, de l'immobilier, de l'immigration et de l'entreprise.

Jean-Pascal est couramment bilingue en anglais et en français et il a représenté des clients dans les deux langues au tribunal provincial, à la Cour du Banc de la Reine, aux audiences de l'immigration et aux audiences du Tribunal disciplinaire.

Jean-Pascal est originaire du Cameroun en Afrique. Il a fait ses études de droit à Londres, en Angleterre. Il a ensuite déménagé à Calgary où il a fait son stage dans un cabinet de la place. Après avoir été admis au barreau de l'Alberta, Jean-Pascal a décidé de travailler à son compte dans la région de Calgary, mais il a également travaillé en collaboration avec d'autres cabinets d'avocats dans la région.

Jean-Pascal a commencé à faire du bénévolat avec Calgary Legal Guidance en rédigeant du contenu juridique alors qu'il était encore au Royaume-Uni et il a continué avec Calgary Legal Guidance longtemps après son arrivée à Calgary. Calgary Legal Guidance a décerné à Jean-Pascal un prix de service distingué en 2013. Jean-Pascal est également bénévole avec Alberta Lawyers' Assistance Society pour avocats ainsi qu'avec l'association Association de Juristes d'Expression Française en Alberta. Il a mené des présentations sur diverses questions juridiques aux communautés francophones de Calgary, Brooks, Edmonton et Grande Prairie.



Deanna Steblyk

Year of Call: 1999

Practice Areas: Litigation, Securities, Administrative Law

Governance/Board Experience:

- Law Society of Alberta:
 - Member; Credentials and Education Committee (2016 - present)
 - Member; Conduct Committee (2012 - 2016)
 - Member; Finance Committee (2008 - 2012)
 - Member; 100th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee and Chair of Anniversary Gala Subcommittee (2003 - 2007)
- Legal Aid Alberta:
 - Chair; Board of Directors (2017 - present)
 - Member; Strategic Planning Committee (2015 - present)
 - Vice-Chair; Board of Directors (2015 - 2017)
 - Member; Human Resources Committee (2015 - 2017)
 - Member; Board of Directors (2014 - 2015)
 - Member; Governance Committee (2015 - present)
- Canadian Bar Association:
 - Executive Committee, Civil Litigation (south) Subsection
 - Past Chair; (as at June 2017)
 - Chair (2014 - 2017),
 - Vice-Chair (2013 - 2014),
 - Treasurer (2012 - 2013),
 - Member (2009 - 2012)
- Association of Women Lawyers (Calgary):
 - Member; Executive Committee (2009 - present)
 - Member; Board of Directors (2008 - 2009; 2016 - present)
 - President, Board of Directors (2014 - 2016)
 - Vice-President, Board of Directors (2010 - 2014)
 - Secretary, Board of Directors (2009 - 2010)
- Calgary Humane Society:
 - Member; Executive Committee (2017 - present)
 - Member; Finance and Audit Committee (2009 - present)
 - Member; Board of Directors (2008 - 2009; 2017 - present)
 - Chair; Board of Directors (2009 - 2017)
 - Chair; Executive Committee (2009 - 2017)
 - Member and Chair of various board and fundraising committees

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Deanna was called to the Alberta Bar in 1999 and was in private practice in the area of civil litigation for nearly 10 years before joining the Alberta Securities Commission. At the Commission, she spent nine years as Litigation Counsel prosecuting breaches of the *Securities Act* before the Commission tribunal and the Provincial Court (Criminal). She recently took the position of Senior Special Counsel to the Vice-Chairs of the Commission.

Deanna has always had a strong interest in public service and has worked in a wide variety of volunteer capacities, including throughout the majority of her legal career. She considers it important to give back to the profession through volunteer service, and enjoys the work and the opportunity to make a contribution. She has also found it to be a great way to meet and interact with a wide variety of lawyers with different types of practices working in different types of organizations. She has served on a number of Law Society committees and has an excellent grasp on how the Law Society works and what its priorities and goals are. She would welcome the opportunity to further contribute to its work and serve the profession and the public interest as a Bencher.

Deanna is an experienced Board Member and leader, and has held a number of positions in recent years. She was the Association of Women Lawyer's Panel discussion moderator for Bias on the Bench: Lessons from the Justice Camp Inquiry. From 2013 to 2017 she has been a guest instructor for Law 611 at the University of Calgary Faculty of Law.



Kent Teskey

Year of Call: 2005

Practice Areas: Criminal Defence

Governance/Board Experience:

- Bencher, Law Society of Alberta, 2015 - 2017
- Board of Directors, Schizophrenia Society of Alberta, 2011 - Present
- Board of Directors, Student Legal Services, 2004 - 2008

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I am proud to have served as a Bencher since 2015, during which time I have served as Vice-Chair of the Conduct Committee, as well as being a member of the Executive Committee, the Legal Aid Task Force, and the Innovating Regulation Task Force.

I am a partner at Pringle Chivers Sparks Teskey, where I practice criminal defence law. I also have significant experience defending against regulatory and professional discipline allegations. My practice takes me throughout northern Alberta, and I believe my background provides me with insight into the issues and challenges facing small firm lawyers and sole practitioners in both urban and rural Alberta.

I am an active member of the Legal Aid roster and I understand the unique role Legal Aid plays in guaranteeing access to justice for some of Alberta's least fortunate. I am the recipient of the Legal Aid Access to Justice award for my work spearheading a test case aimed at expanding the right to court-appointed counsel in cases where Legal Aid lacked the resources to provide coverage for Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped recipients.

Outside the law, I am a passionate advocate for those suffering from mental illness. I have served on the Board of Directors of the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta since 2011, helping the society in its mission to provide advocacy, support, and housing for Albertans suffering from schizophrenia.

A life-long resident of Edmonton, my family keeps me abreast of important developments in Lego and Lego-related products.



Tyler Tollefson

Year of Call: 2006

Practice Areas: Corporate/Commercial, Privacy, Civil, Criminal

Governance/Board Experience:

- Town Council (early 1990's)
- Library Board
- Chamber of Commerce
- President, Kerrobert Bar Association (2002 - 2005)
- Member, United Way of Alberta Campaign Cabinet (2008 to present), and Executive Team
- Executive Member, Canadian Corporate Counsel Association north Section (2008 to present)

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Mr. Tollefson was born in Saskatoon and attended the University of Saskatchewan where he completed his Bachelors of Science and his Juris Doctor. Mr. Tollefson spent the next six years in a general practice in a small rural community with a focus on criminal law and farm transactions. He then orchestrated a merger with one of the oldest firms in Saskatchewan and continued as Managing Partner of the combined firm for the next seven years.

In the spring of 2006, he began a series of demanding Senior Counsel roles within Enbridge Pipelines Ltd in Edmonton, Alberta. He also completed Masters of Business Administration at Cornell University and Queen's University.

In 2012, Mr. Tollefson was entrusted as the first ever director of the newly established Liquids Pipelines Supply Chain Department. He remained in this role, with responsibility to transform key areas of spend, until leaving Enbridge Pipelines Ltd. in 2015.

Since January 2016, Mr. Tollefson has been Vice-President of Legal Representation and Advice at Legal Aid Alberta where he is responsible for Roster & Case Management, the Family Law Office, the Youth Criminal Defence Office, and the Criminal Resolution Office. Recent experience of this nature includes preparing materials for and attending all Legal Aid Alberta Board of Directors meetings.

Mr. Tollefson has extensive legal and business experience in all types of organizations in a variety of settings. Amongst other executive and Board experience, he was the President of his local Bar Association from 2002 - 2005.

Recent awards include a 2013 Association of Fundraising Professionals National Philanthropy Day Social Services Award and a 2015 Enbridge Pipelines Ltd. award for Leadership, given only to a few dozen people in the history of the award.



Margaret Unsworth

Year of Call: 1984

Practice Areas: Constitutional Litigation, Appellate Practise (including SCC)

Governance/Board Experience:

- Bencher: Law Society of Alberta - 2016 to present
- Church Corporation - 2017 for three-year term
- Canterbury Foundation - six years

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I am coming to the end of my first term as a Bencher and seek a further three year term.

I am currently the Director of Constitutional Law with Alberta Justice and Solicitor General with a legal practise covering a wide range of constitutional and human rights questions, from division of powers issues to Charter rights and constitutional conventions. I am a senior legal advisor to the Government of Alberta, having provided advice to Alberta for over thirty years and have represented the Attorney General of Alberta at all levels of Court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

As senior manager in government legal services, a large part of my role and responsibility is to assist and mentor others in the practise of law. I am an active member of the legal community and was honoured to be recognized by the profession in 2008. Within Justice, I have been recognized for dedication to the future of the profession and received an award for work as a mentor and coach.

I am committed to my work as public sector counsel and have strived to bring a public lawyer perspective to the Bencher table.

I believe firmly in the responsibilities and obligations that flow from being a member of a self-regulated profession. I look forward to continuing service as Bencher and work on the continuing strategic goal of exceptional self-governance.



Stella Varvis

Year of Call: 2002

Practice Areas: Legal Research & Writing, Legal Education

Governance/Board Experience:

- Editorial Board, Alberta Law Review
- Law Faculty Council, University of Alberta
- Board of Directors, Edmonton Opera
- Member, Planning Committee, Canadian Bar Association Law Conference (2009, 2011, 2013)
- Co-Chair of Continuing Legal Education Subcommittee, Canadian Bar Association Alberta Law Conference (2009, 2011, 2013)
- Co-Chair, Family Support for Children with Disabilities Provincial Parent Advisory Committee
- Founding Member and Co-Chair, Encore!

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Stella Varvis is a lawyer, educator, and parent of two children. Born and raised in Edmonton, she graduated from the University of Alberta's Faculty of Law in 2001 and was called to the Alberta bar in 2002. From 2002 to 2007, Stella worked as a Research Lawyer at Brownlee LLP, practicing primarily in the areas of insurance defence, commercial litigation, and administrative law. She served as Legal Counsel to the Court of Queen's Bench from 2007-2012 before joining the Faculty of Law as the Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program. She currently teaches legal research, writing, and advocacy, and is responsible for coordinating the Faculty's highly successful Competitive Moot Program. In April 2017, she won a Blended Learning Award, which recognizes and supports the development of innovative digital learning strategies.

Stella is committed to community involvement. In law school, she served on a number of boards and committees. Since 2014, Stella has been an online learning group facilitator for the Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education bar admission program. She volunteers with the Edmonton Community Legal Clinic to provide free legal advice to low-income individuals.

Stella supports the fundamental principle that an independent bar is essential to a free and democratic society. She believes the legal profession is facing significant challenges on many fronts, including improving access to justice, increasing representation and supporting diversity, managing demographic shifts and intergenerational change, and ensuring that lawyers have access to quality continuing legal education. Serving the public interest requires lawyers to hold themselves – and each other – to the highest ethical and practice standards, while at the same time building a legal community that is inclusive and reflective of an increasingly diverse population.



Ken Warren

Year of Call: 1986

Practice Areas: Advocacy

Governance/Board Experience:

- Member of the Board of Calgary Urban Project Society (2010 - 2017)
- Managing Partner of Gowlings' Calgary office and Member of the National Executive (2007 - 2015)

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Assuming the role of Bencher would allow me to contribute by applying the broad experience I have gained in my over 30 years in private practice, all with the same firm. I acknowledge that my age, gender and ethnicity run counter to the very important diversity objectives of the Law Society and the profession.

On the plus side, I am able to bring significant Law Society and law firm practice management experience to the table. Over the past 25 years, I have been a Member of the following Law Society Committees: Professional Responsibility (1993 - 95); Conduct (1996 - 99); Insurance (2000 - 02); Professional Responsibility (2003 - 05); Credentials and Education (2006 - 09); Re-Engagement & Retention Task Force (2010 - 12); and Audit (2014 - 17). I acted as the Managing Partner of Gowlings' Calgary office (comprised of roughly 100 professionals) from 2007 to 2015. During that period I was also a member of the national management committee charged with oversight of the business of a law firm comprised of over 700 professionals. My management responsibilities exposed me to a surprisingly diverse range of practice management, ethical and personnel issues. They also required me to have an ear to the dynamically changing legal environment and the trends impacting the practice of law. One of the greatest challenges facing the Law Society is managing a necessary change agenda affecting a membership that is largely conservative, skeptical, critical and both change and risk averse.

I'm a self-confessed fitness nut who took up golf more seriously a few years ago, as a result of which I am now both a lousy golfer and cyclist.



William Wister

Year of Call: 2008 (Alberta), 1990 to 2008 (New Brunswick)

Practice Areas: Criminal Law

Governance/Board Experience:

- Treasurer and President of the Crown Prosecutor's Association of Alberta, 2010 - 2012
- Member of Executive Management Team of New Brunswick's Crown Prosecutor Association 2006 - 2008
- Director of Specialized Prosecutions of New Brunswick 2003 - 2008
- Member of Senior Management of Crown Prosecution Service 2003 - 2008

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I have been in the practice of law since June 1990. Most of my time was spent as a Prosecutor in New Brunswick, spending the last five years in a management position worrying about budgets, HR issues and public complaints. As well, I sat on the Complaints Committee for the Law Society of New Brunswick.

I travelled west to Alberta in 2008 and I have worked as a Prosecutor in Fort McMurray, Grand Prairie, Peace River, Edmonton Rural, Fort Saskatchewan and Lethbridge. All of this is testimony to the fact that either I can't hold down a job or that I have a keen sense of the beauty of all parts of the Province. Perhaps, a little bit of both is true.

I have recently retired and now work part-time at Lethbridge College, teaching students in Justice Studies, and part-time as Defense Counsel with Hlady Rouleau Law Office.

I believe that we all have a duty to pay back to our professional bodies and this is my attempt to do so.

We also have a duty to ourselves and our families to keep things in perspective and preserve our institutions for future generations.

Experience

- Candidate for Masters of Laws, Osgoode Law School, Expected 2018
- Bar Admission Course Instructor, New Brunswick, 2004, 2008
- Canadian Bar Association Presentation on Canada Evidence Act, March 2007
- Training Session for Crowns, Judges & Law Society Members on Sentencing Circles 2005 - 2006
- Member of the Law Society of New Brunswick 1990 - 2008



Nate Whitling

Year of Call: 1999

Practice Areas: Criminal Defence Appeals

Governance/Board Experience:

- Vice-President, Criminal Trial Lawyers' Association (Current)
- Member, Practice Review Committee, Law Society of Alberta, 2011 - 2014

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I graduated from the University of Alberta law school in 1997 as the Horace Harvey Gold Medalist. I went on to graduate from Harvard Law School. I then served as a law clerk to the Hon. Mr. Justice Jack Major at the Supreme Court of Canada.

I spent the first 15 years of my career at two large civil firms, Parlee McLaws and Dentons. Although I focused on Aboriginal and commercial litigation, I kept finding myself involved in criminal and human rights cases – usually for little or no compensation. I enjoyed my time and the people at the big firms greatly, but a few years ago I realized that despite my best intentions, I had become a criminal lawyer. So, I moved to Beresh Aloneissi O'Neill to do criminal appeals.

Throughout my career, I have been fortunate enough to fall into many interesting and important cases. As a first year lawyer, I found myself before the SCC arguing *R. v. Neil*, 2002 SCC 70, where the Court first recognized the “duty of loyalty” that we owe to our clients. A few years later, my friend Dennis Edney asked me to join him in defending a young Canadian named Omar Khadr, who was then detained by U.S. forces in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In the ensuing Khadr litigation, I argued three appeals before the Supreme Court of Canada, and made many appearances before the military commission in Guantanamo Bay. I also worked for many years on *Trang v. Alberta* where cruel and unusual prison conditions were found to have resulted from the overcrowding in the old Edmonton Remand Centre. More recently, I received a 2 - 1 decision from our Court of Appeal in *Sahaluk v. Alberta* striking down one of Alberta's impaired driving laws on Charter grounds.

I have received quite a few awards and honours over the years, including the *National Pro Bono Distinguished Service Award* (2008), *Lexpert's Rising Stars* (2008), *The Harradence Prize* (from the Criminal Trial Lawyers' Association (2010)), and the *University of Alberta Alumni Award of Excellence* (2011). I was once named to the *Best Lawyers in Canada* list for Aboriginal Law. Also, the Lt. Governor of British Columbia, on behalf of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, gave me a very nice medal with a neat old coin glued onto it. In 2015, I was named one of *The 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada* by Canadian Lawyer Magazine.

I am still focusing on appellate work. I have appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada on ten occasions, and have also argued appeals before the Courts of Appeal of Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and the Federal Court of Appeal. I also argued the first appeal heard by the Court of Military Commission Review in Arlington, Virginia. Many of these cases involved serious offences, including murder and terrorism. I have also authored several articles and presentations, and once wrote and submitted an *amicus* brief to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Given my unique mix of experience in both civil and criminal law practice, I feel that I could make a valuable contribution by serving as a Bencher for the Law Society of Alberta.

ACCLAIMED - CENTRAL REGION



Bud Melnyk

Year of Call: 1991

Practice Areas: Family, Civil Litigation

Governance/Board Experience:

- Current Member, Family Law Rules Advisory Committee
- Committee Member, Family Law Advisory Committee, Law Society of Alberta, from 2013 to 2014
- Board Member, Fundraising Committee, The Heart and Stroke Foundation (Charity Golf Classic) for 2016 and 2017
- Past Member, Board of Directors for Central Alberta Theatre Society, from 1994 to 2000

Bud was born and raised in Edmonton where he obtained his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1985. After completing his law degree in 1990 at the University of Alberta, Bud began practicing law in Red Deer, and has been an active member of the bar since 1991. Bud is currently a partner with the law firm of Warren Sinclair LLP.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO LEGAL LEARNING, LEGAL COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERING

- Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association - Alberta Branch in 2017
- Current Bencher appointed Member of the Family Law Rules Advisory Committee
- Chair and Presenter at the Legal Education Society of Alberta Family Law: Chambers
- Advocacy and Practice Pointers program (April 21, 2017)
- Recipient of the 2010 Prism Award for outstanding commitment to pro bona legal services in central Alberta
- Former Committee Member of the Family Law Advisory Committee, Law Society of Alberta, from 2013 to 2014

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEER WORK

- Run Director Logistics for the CIBC Run for the Cure, Canadian Cancer Society, in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (2016 - 2017)
- Volunteer with the Festival of Trees (fundraiser for the Red Deer Regional Health Foundation) from 2014 to 2016



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