

Education / Bar Admissions JD, University of Calgary, 1981 BA, Queen's University, 1975

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MEDIATION SERVICES

SUMMARY

Bruce carried out a wide ranging litigation practice with emphasis on personal injury, professional negligence, products liability, construction and commercial litigation and all aspects of insurance law.

Bruce has extensive trial experience. He has appeared before the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Supreme Court of British Columbia, the Alberta and British Columbia Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Yukon, and the Federal Court of Canada. He has also participated in over 2400 mediations. He has acted as a mediator in a number of those cases.

Continuing Legal Education:

- Advanced Mediation Civil Litigation program delivered by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia;
- Seminars through the Legal Education Society of Alberta related to mediations and JDRs also known as Judicial Dispute Resolution

Instructing:

- Sessional Instructor Interviewing, Negotiation and Counselling course, Faculty of Law, University of Calgary
- Mediation from an Insurance Adjuster's Perspective, Alberta Association of Insurance Adjusters
- Negotiating Seminar Workshop for Insurance Institute of Southern Alberta
- Preparing for and the Role of Counsel in a Mediation, Canadian Bar Association

Membership:

 The ADR Institute of Alberta – Alberta's Professional Association of Mediators, Arbitrators and other Dispute Resolution Practitioners

Pro Bono and Community Involvement:

Bruce is extensively involved in pro bono work, including:

- Past Chair of BLG; National Pro Bono Committee
- Past President of Pro Bono Law Alberta
- Past member of the Law Society of Alberta's Pro Bono Task Force
- Coordinator of the Child Advocacy Pro Bono Project
- Past Chair of the Volunteer Lawyers' Service

Bruce was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for Pro Bono Legal Service 2015 from the Law Society of Alberta and Canadian Bar Association.

Bruce's Mediation Philosophy:

"I am proactive as a mediator and I favour the interest based approach and being evaluative where applicable. During mediations, I allow the parties to discuss their issues, clear up misunderstandings and find areas of agreement that are otherwise not possible in legal proceedings."

Bruce's Mediation services are provided throughout Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon.