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### **Personal Overview/ Professional Philosophy**

Robert G. (Bob) McBean is an experienced arbitrator and mediator who has been active in the alternative dispute resolution field for over 25 years. Bob was awarded the designations of *Chartered Mediator (C.Med)* in 2000 and *Chartered Arbitrator (C.Arb)* in 2017. In addition, Bob has been a practicing lawyer in Edmonton since 1978.

Bob has conducted hundreds of mediations in Queen's Bench matters and has conducted numerous arbitrations both as sole arbitrator and panel chair. The diverse areas in which he has mediated and/or arbitrated include municipality/developer disputes, commercial disputes and construction disputes.

Bob is active in the alternative dispute resolution community. He is a member of the ADR Institute of Canada (ADRIC), the ADR Institute of Alberta (ADRIA), a past director of the Mediation and Restorative Justice Centre (MRJC), and a past chair of the ADR Section (Northern Alberta) of the Canadian Bar Association. He has been recognized in the *Best Lawyers in Canada* directory and in the field of alternative dispute resolution for many years, up to and including 2019.

### **Mediation/Arbitration Experience**

The following is a sample of cases in which Bob has been retained as Mediator and/or Arbitrator:

- Mediator/Arbitrator of dispute between an individual and a Workers Compensation Board with respect to entitlement to benefits. 2 day mediation resulted in resolution of all issues except one. That issue was then submitted to me for decision as arbitrator (2006/7);
- Arbitrator of disputes between Municipalities and Developers with respect to alleged breaches of Development Agreements, (3 disputes - 2018, 2016 & 2012);

- Mediator of dispute between physicians in the Town with respect to lease issues, with goal to keep the physicians practicing in the Town (retained by Town) (2016);
- Arbitrator of a dispute between Alberta Transportation and a Contractor with respect to construction of Highway (2018);
- Arbitrator of a dispute between a County and a Contractor arising out of water and sewer replacement pursuant to Unit Price Contract (matter settled prior to Hearing) (2017/18);
- Mediator of a dispute between members of an intergenerational family farm. Issues primarily related to the valuation of the farm corporation and the ongoing operation of the farm following the expropriation by the Government of Alberta of a portion of the farm's property (2018);
- Mediator of a dispute between City and severely brain damaged plaintiff. Issues included the legal interpretation of the Municipal Government Act, as well as various liability and quantification issues (2018);
- Mediator of a dispute between parties to a complex commercial transaction involving the financing of a purchase of Lands involving a motel operation. Primary issues related to interpretation of the agreement between the parties, and their conduct subsequent to the execution of the agreement. (2018);

## **Training**

- 1976 Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Laws; (University of Saskatchewan)
- 2000 Certificate Program in Conflict Management (ADRIA)
- 2007 Certificate Program in Arbitration (ADRIA)

## **Professional Associations**

- ADR Institute of Alberta
- ADR Institute of Canada
- Law Society of Alberta
- Law Society of Northwest Territories
- Law Society of Nunavut

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