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### **Personal overview/Professional philosophy**

I strive to provide what I believe everyone deserves to have namely:

- A. The opportunity to resolve their disputes in a respectful, timely and cost effective manner; and
- B. When parties cannot agree on a resolution, an adjudicator who understands and ensures: procedural fairness; adherence to the rules of natural justice; decisions made in accordance with law; and an adjudicator who is even handed, open minded and without bias.

### **Arbitration Experience**

I hold a law degree from the University of Ottawa and I teach the ADRIC National Introductory Course for Arbitration.

I created curriculum for, and teach "Preliminary Hearings". I have conducted over 100 arbitrations involving all kinds of issues including: manufacturer's liability; construction issues; joint ventures; shareholders; business; commercial leases; and contractual issues. Most of my decisions have been rendered within 30 days of completion of the hearing.

I pride myself on striking the right balance between ensuring procedural fairness and still keeping both the parties and myself on task to ensure delivery of a timely and cost effective resolution to the issues.

As an instructor in arbitration I know and understand the importance of procedural fairness and adherence to the Rules of Natural Justice.

I am comfortable providing arbitration services using either typical or expedited processes.

I teach students how to write arbitral awards and I have taught plain language drafting. I am accustomed to writing well-reasoned and timely decisions.

As a lawyer I have represented clients before every level of Court including the Supreme Court of Canada.

### **Training**

I hold a Certificate in Arbitration from the ADR Institute of Alberta

I hold a Certificate in Conflict Resolution with Assessments (for both Negotiation and Mediation) from the ADR Institute of Alberta

I attend annually, the ADRI National Conference

I take annual training for mediators and arbitrators with the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada

1978-Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta

1981- Juris Doctor from the University of Ottawa

### **Professional Associations**

Law Society of Alberta, member in good standing

ADR Institute of Alberta ("ADRIA"), member in good standing and current President of ADRIA

ADR Institute of Canada, member in good standing and member of several national committees

Canadian Bar Association, member in good standing and section member for ADR and Construction Sections North and Member of the Executive for the National ADR Section

### **References**

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