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Overview

Barbara is an experienced adjudicator, mediator, facilitator, and dispute resolution trainer. During her thirty-year career she has helped people and organizations reach resolution on tough and complex issues. She has extensive knowledge and experience working in rural and urban communities throughout the province.

Intermunicipal Mediation and Facilitation Experience

Barbara has been involved with municipal meditations since the inception of the roster program and has dealt with:

- 690 Appeals
- Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks
- Cost/Revenue Sharing Agreements
- Annexations
- Strategic planning
- Council interactions
- Code of Conduct Investigation

Adjudication/Arbitration

As a full-time Hearing Commissioner with the Alberta Energy Regulator from 2013 - 2017, Barbara adjudicated hearings for energy applications and appeals. From 2011 - 2017, Barbara was the volunteer chair of the Town of Banff's Development Appeal Board. In the 1990's she was a member of the Municipal Government Board and adjudicated assessment review matters.

Meditation /Arbitration (Med-Arb)

Med-Arb is a specialized and integrated dispute resolution approach. Trained and experienced in both mediation and adjudication, Barbara has also recently completed training in med-arb and she adheres to the National Med-Arb Rules. As an AER hearing commissioner, she designed and led evaluative mediations.

Education and Training

As well as her university degrees in agriculture and public administration, Barbara has studied and obtained certificates in arbitration, conflict resolution, administrative justice, workplace investigation, and as an ombuds. She has instructed mediation and conflict resolution for Municipal Affairs, the University of Calgary, and many private clients.

Professional Associations

A long-time member of Alberta Dispute Resolution Institute of Alberta, Barbara currently serves on the board as president. She is a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Canada

References will be shared upon request.