



*"If there is any great secret of success in life, it lies in the ability to put yourself in the other person's place and to see things from his point of view – as well as your own".*  
-Henry Ford

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### ***Professional Background and Education***

- LL. B 1997, University of Saskatchewan
- Alberta Bar Admission, 1999
- Certificate in Attuned Communication in Dispute Resolution--Alberta Arbitration & Mediation Society (AAMS), 2011
- Certificate in Integrative Negotiation--ADRIA, 2012
- Certificate in Facilitative Mediation--ADRIA, 2013
- Certificate in Arbitration--ADR Institute of Alberta (ADRIA), 2013
- Q. Med designation--ADR Institute of Canada (ADRIC), 2014
- Q. Arb Designation--ADRIA, 2015
- C. Med Designation--ADRIA, 2016
- C. Arb Designation--ADRIA, 2017
- K.C. Appointment 2022
- Induction into the Canadian Academy of Distinguished Neutrals 2023

### ***Associations***

- Law Society of Alberta
- ADRIA
- ADRIC
- Canadian Bar Association
- Practicing Mediator, Alberta Family Mediation Society

Mike is a formally trained mediator and arbitrator with an extensive educational background in Alternative Dispute Resolution. He has his Chartered Designations in both mediation and arbitration representing the highest credentials available in Canada.

ADR is an unregulated field. Anyone can label him or herself as a "mediator" or "arbitrator" but few have taken formal training in ADR. Mike's training in conjunction with his diverse experience as an experienced litigator allows him the creativity to apply a number of different approaches to dispute resolution based on what the parties want, and what the situation calls for.

Mike has extensive experience with a broad array of disputes with particular interest in the following subject areas:

- Corporate and Commercial disputes
- Construction
- Personal Injury
- Family Law and Estate Litigation
- Employment Law
- Professional Liability and Malpractice

Mike was a former member of the Assurance Fund Adjudications (Finance) Committee and the Conduct Committee at the Law Society of Alberta. Mike is a former executive member of the Board of Directors of the ADR Institute of Alberta. He currently is on the Board of Directors at Calgary Legal Guidance where he sits on the Executive and Governance Committees. He was appointed King's Counsel (formerly Queen's Counsel) in 2022.