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## Area of Practice

Matrimonial Litigation and Matrimonial and Commercial Mediation with an emphasis on property and financial disputes, personal injury and disability insurance claims.

## Profile

Diane Bell is a partner of the firm, and the Chair of its Family Law and Alternate Dispute Resolution Practice Groups. She obtained her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of British Columbia in 1984.

She is an experienced mediator having mediated numerous family law, commercial, personal injury and insurance disputes since 1992. Diane received her mediation training from the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia and also obtained specialized training in Oregon.

Diane also has an established litigation practice focused primarily in the area of complex family law involving claims to business interests, offshore assets, pension interests and trusts. She has an additional interest in the development and implementation of Workplace Harassment Policies for the business community in BC and counselling clients in the event such claims arise.

Diane co-authored the British Columbia Chapter for the compilation prepared by the Centre for International Legal Studies in the area of personal injury compensation in various jurisdictions. She has been published in numerous Continuing Legal Education materials including the *Family Law Agreements Manual*, the *British Columbia Family Practice Manual*, the *British Columbia Family Law Sourcebook*, *Professional Legal Training* materials, *BC Women's Magazine* and others. She is also one of the Editors of the *Financial Aspects of Family Law* sourcebook and sits as a member on the Pension Division Project Committee of the British Columbia Law Institute. She has been a featured speaker at various Continuing Legal Education seminars over the past 20 years.

## Memberships & Associations

Member, Law Society of British Columbia (1985)

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Executive Member, CBA Family Law Section

Member, CBA Alternate Dispute Resolution Section

Past Co-Chair and Treasurer, CBA Women Rainmakers Section

Member, Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution ("SPIDR")

Member, Mediation Development Association of BC and Family Mediation Canada