



William Holder

Partner

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Mediation & Arbitration
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Profile

Bill is a senior mediator and litigator who combines a deep understanding of the law with a wealth of strategic experience in assisting our clients on a range of business issues. With a successful track record of 35+ years in resolving commercial disputes, Bill sees all sides of an issue to help our clients find the best solution to their case whether in or out of the courtroom.

His extensive understanding of these disputes and advanced mediation training in BC and at Harvard Law have provided Bill with a deep platform from which he operates as a highly effective mediator. Bill is equally comfortable working as a facilitative or evaluative mediator, but with counsels' agreement prefers the latter approach.

In addition to his extensive training, Bill is a Mediator of the Civil Roster of Mediate BC and is the practice group chair of our firm's Mediation and Arbitration group. He has served since 2016 as the co-chair of the Canadian Bar Association's Vancouver Alternative Dispute Resolution subsection.

Work Highlights

Served as mediator in successful resolution of expropriation

- > Mediation of multiple party expropriation Action involving a damages claim of \$55-million

Served as mediator in termination of commercial lease

- > Successful mediation of multiple party wrongful termination of lease and loss of business claim for \$500,000

Mediation of business loss claim

- > Served as mediator in resolving a \$7-million Action for business loss

Additional work highlights below

As head of our firm's Litigation department, Bill also manages the business of our team, including its finances, assessments, planning, human resources and more. This provides Bill with relevant insight into the everyday business issues our clients face and allows him to serve them better.

Services

- > Real property disputes
- > Cross border executions
- > Commercial lease disputes
- > Creditors Remedies/collections
- > Mediation

Bill was born in the Prairies, and his upbringing instilled a sense of practicality. He can still hear his grandfather's admonition not to spend \$20 solving a \$5 problem. Bill measures success not just in the actual outcome of a given case, but in the spend in which the result is obtained and the costs saved in resolving disputes effectively and efficiently.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers in Canada, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2020

Industry Involvement

- > Mediator of the Civil Roster of Mediate BC
- > Canadian Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution (Vancouver) Subsection, Co-Chair
- > International Council of Shopping Centers State and Provincial Government Relations Advisory Group, Canadian Representative, 2010-2012
- > International Council of Shopping Centers, Governance Chair (BC), 2007-2010; 2016-Present
- > Law Court's Inn, Former Director
- > CBA National ADR Section Communications and Awards Committee, Chair

Community Commitments

- > Zone 5 Karate Association of BC, Past President, 2006-2015
- > Volunteer Karate Instructor and NCCP Certified Coach - Assistant Coach to BC Karate Team, 2011-2012
- > "A WOD to Remember", CrossFit Charitable Project Supporting Wounded Warriors Canada, Head Organizer, 2016-Present

Education & Call to Bar

- > Advanced Mediation Training, Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, 2016
- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 1981
- > Bachelor of Laws, University of British Columbia, 1980
- > Advanced Mediation Training, Harvard Law, June 2017

External Publications & Presentations

- > Co-author, "The Annotated Guide to the Court Order Enforcement Act of British Columbia", 2003 Canada Law Book, a division of Thomson Reuters Canada Ltd. (updated annually)

Additional Work Highlights

Personal injury claim mediation

- > Acted as mediator in resolving a personal injury claim of \$7-million with complex loss of income issues

Contamination of property mediation

- > Successfully mediated a multiple party contamination of property claim of \$1-million

Venture capital and private equity investor

- > Multiple appearances in the Court of Appeal successfully resulting in a rare guillotine order forcing a multinational oil and gas corporation to post security of over \$3 million dollars, leading to a dismissal of the corporation's appeal and execution on the client's trial judgment

Staburn Group

- > Won judgment from the Court of Appeal in respect of the payment of real property taxes by two anchor tenants of a large commercial centre in Kelowna, BC

Henderson Development (Canada) Ltd.

- > Lead counsel on the effective defence and resolution of a multiple Plaintiff action for \$10 million dollars brought by tenants in a large Vancouver shopping centre

Major Vancouver Real Estate Developer

- > Developed and implemented litigation strategies resulting in the successful cancellation of numerous tenancies to permit a \$275 million dollar mixed use development to proceed

Private developer

- > Lead counsel in several Court actions concerning the development of an apartment complex by Osoyoos Lake and the cancellation of a related long term lease of lakeshore

property. Numerous appearances in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal ultimately resulting in a successful declaration as to the leasehold interest

University

> Obtained judgment of over \$850,000 dollars against a fraudulent university employee followed by the successful collection of all stolen monies through the use of injunctive relief and execution proceedings in both BC and Quebec