



William Holder

Partner

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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.

Work Highlights

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 and is currently the Secretary of the CBA's National ADR section.

Bill has also successfully completed Social Justice Mediation Training in collaboration with the ShchEma-mee.tkt (Our Children) project. This enables him to design and employ customized processes for mediations involving First Nations communities and Indigenous Peoples.

Services

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

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers® in Canada, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2020 - 2026

Industry Involvement

- > Canadian Bar Association, member, 1981 - Present
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, member, 1981 - Present
- > Canadian Bar Association, National Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, chair
- > Canadian Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution (Vancouver) Subsection, co-chair
- > UBC Conflict of Interest Committee, Chair, 2020 - Present
- > International Council of Shopping Centers, governance chair (BC), 2016 - Present
- > Law Society of British Columbia, member, 1981 - Present
- > MediateBC, civil roster member
- > Canadian Bar Association, National Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, past vice-chair, 2020 – 2021
- > Canadian Bar Association, National Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, past secretary, 2019 - 2020
- > International Council of Shopping Centers State and Provincial Government Relations Advisory Group, past Canadian representative, 2010 - 2012
- > International Council of Shopping Centers, past governance chair (BC), 2007 - 2010
- > Law Court's Inn, former director

Community Commitments

- > Okanagan Road Racing Association, director
- > CrossFit, "A WOD to Remember" , past head organizer, 2016 - 2019
- > Zone 5 Karate Association of BC, past president, 2006 - 2015
- > BC Karate Team, past volunteer karate instructor and assistant coach, 2011 - 2012

Education & Call to Bar

- > Social Justice Mediation Training, sponsored by ShchEma-mee.tkt project, 2019

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

External Presentations

- > Moderator, CBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Symposium, Canadian Bar Association, April 21, 2023
- > "Commercial Leasing (Webinar)", Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, April 14, 2020
- > 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)

External Publications

- > Author, "A Mediator's Top 10 Tips for Counsel", BarTalk Magazine, August 2021
- > CBC The National (4:26) (April 24, 2020)
- > "Rent relief welcomed by Vancouver businesses but will everyone get it?", CBC (April 24, 2020)
- > "Deferring Rent Not Sustainable Over the Long Term for Small Businesses Hit Hard by COVID-19", CBC (April 1, 2020)
- > "5 Tips for Handling Commercial Leases and Contracts During COVID-19 and Beyond", BCBusiness (co-author) (April 1, 2020)
- > "CBC The National (24:33)", March 31, 2020)
- > "When the Squamish Business is Shut, but the Rent is Due During COVID-19", Pique News Magazine (March 30, 2020)
- > "When the Squamish Business is Shut, but the Rent is Due During COVID-19", The Squamish Chief (March 30, 2020)
- > "BC Businesses Closed by Coronavirus Crisis Say Government Needs to Help with Rent", CBC (March 30, 2020)