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## **EDUCATION**

University of Alberta, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1987

University of Calgary, Bachelor of Laws, 1991

## **AWARDS**

Named in "*The Best Lawyers in Canada*", 2007

Named in "*The Best Lawyers in Canada*", 2006

Named in the Lexpert/American Lawyer "*Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*", 2005

Selected as one of "*Top 40:40 and Under 40*" Lawyers in Canada, Lexpert, 2004

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 1<sup>st</sup> place Memorial and 4<sup>th</sup> place Canadian Oral competition, 1991

William McGillivray Shield, University of Calgary, Faculty of Law, 1991

Gale Cup, Moot Court Competition, 1<sup>st</sup> place Factum and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Canadian Oral competition, 1990

Graduation Address, University of Alberta, Faculty of Nursing, 1987

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Call to Alberta Bar, 1992

### ***Private Practice***

2004 to Present	Executive Committee	Macleod Dixon LLP
1999 to Present	Partner	Macleod Dixon LLP
1997-1999	Associate	Macleod Dixon LLP
1992-1997	Associate	MacKimmie Matthews

1991-1992                      Articling Student                                              MacKimmie Matthews

***Law Teaching***

2001-Present                      Sessional Instructor                                              University of Calgary, Faculty of Law

1994-Present                      Volunteer Judge - Moot Court Program                                              University of Calgary, Faculty of Law

1999-Present                      Instructor - Professional Practice and Ethics                                              Legal Education Society of Alberta, Bar Admission Course

1999-Present                      Instructor / Mentor                                              Macleod Dixon, "*Insider Training*" professional practice and development program

***Other***

1987-1990                      Pediatric Nurse                                              Alberta Children's Hospital

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

Member, Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Branch (Past Chairperson, Insurance Subsection)

Member, Canadian Defence Lawyers

Law Society of Alberta, Conduct Committee, 2006 - Present

Law Society of Alberta, Claims Committee, 2005 - Present

Law Society of Alberta, Insurance Committee, 2003 - 2006

Law Society of Alberta, Practice Review Committee, 2002-2003

Law Society of Alberta, Gender, Equality and Equity Committee, 2000-2002

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS/LECTURES**

Presentation, "Ethical Tug-o-war, The Tripartite Relationship: Insured, Insurer & Defence Counsel" Canadian Defence Lawyers Boot Camp, 2007

Chair, Canadian Defence Lawyers' "Boot Camp - Basic Training for New Defence Lawyers", 2007

Article, "Lawyers' Ethical Duty includes Seeking Reasonable Settlements", The Lawyers Weekly, August 2007

Panelist, "Negotiating Ethics & Best Practices" Canadian Bar Association, Annual Meeting, 2007

Panelist, Closing Plenary, "Negotiating Ethics and Best Practices in Civil Disputes", Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Mid-Winter Meeting 2007

Speaker, "Waiver and Estoppel - An Overview", The Alberta Lawyers' Insurance Association, 2007

Speaker, "The Law of Damages", Independent Insurance Brokers' Association of Alberta, 2007

Presentation and paper, "*Damages: Developments and Trends*", Legal Education Society of Alberta, 2006

Speaker, "*Defending Lawyers in Fraud Cases*", The Alberta Lawyers Insurance Association Defence Counsel meeting, 2005

Speaker, "*Understanding the SEF 44 Endorsement*", Independent Insurance Brokers' Association of Alberta, 2005, 2006

Panelist, *Law Society of Alberta Professional Practice Plenary Sessions*, Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Branch Mid-Winter Meetings, 2002 and 2005

Speaker, "*Defence Briefs*", Canadian Defence Lawyers, 2004

Presentation and paper, "*A Review of the Law of Privilege in the Insurance Context*", Canadian Institute, 2003

Speaker, "*Class Action Litigation: Recent Trends from an Insurance Perspective*", Macleod Dixon, 2002

Presentation and paper, "*Disability Issues in the Work Place*", Lorman, 2000

Presentation and paper, "*Capacity - The Dead and Dying*" Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Branch Mid-Winter Meeting, 2000

Presentation and paper, "*Voluntary Care Providers and Charitable Gifts in the Assessment of Damages*", Lexpert, 1999

Speaker, "*Current Issues in Insurance Law*" Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Subsection, 1999

Presentation and paper, "*Subrogated Claims and Other Collateral Benefits*", Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers' Association, 1998

Speaker, Insurance Insights Seminars, various topics

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Volunteer, Lakeview Community Association

## **REPRESENTATIVE CASES**

### **Tort Liability**

Defended individuals and corporations in tort actions throughout the Province of Alberta against claims for property and economic losses and for injuries of a mild, moderate and severe nature, including claims involving quadriplegia, brain injury and death

Acted in defence of the Province of Alberta in relation to hundreds of claims arising from the sterilization and confinement of mentally handicapped individuals in central Alberta from the 1920s to the 1970s

### **Professional Liability**

Defended lawyers and law firms in legal malpractice actions where errors alleged to have been made in a variety of specialized areas, including tax, real estate, corporate commercial, wills and estates, family, personal injury and insurance

Acted as counsel for a lawyer and the Law Society professional liability insurer in a case heard by the Alberta Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada involving limitations and conflict of laws issues and a constitutional challenge

Defended Insurance Brokers in a variety of actions where coverage errors alleged

### **Insurance Coverage Disputes**

Acted for various insurers in cases where the right to coverage has been forfeited by the insured

Represented various insurers in cases where coverage denied by virtue of policy exclusions

Acted for corporations in coverage disputes with commercial insurers

Acted for an insurer in a coverage dispute following a fire loss where the litigation process included an application for judicial review of an appraisal conducted by an Umpire under the provisions of the *Insurance Act*

### **Class Actions**

Defended a large group of insurers in a representative action where plaintiff(s) alleged insurers had wrongfully taken salvage in total loss automobile cases. Served as a

member of the Court appointed Defence Committee to coordinate the litigation process for all defendants in dealing with both certification and substantive issues

Represented the interests of the Law Society professional liability insurer in various representative actions involving lawyers and law firms