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# Mediation & Arbitration

## Profile

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Effective mediators and arbitrators help people overcome legal challenges efficiently, fairly and out-of-court. Our team's strong mediators are dedicated to resolving disputes by reaching the best possible solution for all parties. Our accomplished arbitrators are skilled in reaching a timely and cost-effective result.

## Work Highlights

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### **Successful mediation of numerous complex family law matters**

- > Involving multiple corporations and Trusts often with tax and multi-jurisdictional challenges. These settlements resulted in the avoidance of lengthy trials and uncertain outcomes for all parties involved

### **Successful resolution of estate disputes**

- > Including wills variation claims, which have become increasingly common due to the dramatic rise of property values in Metro Vancouver. Mediation is particularly valuable in such cases because the discretion of the courts to balance testamentary autonomy against the moral and legal obligations of the will-maker to a spouse and children makes it difficult to predict the likely outcome at trial

### **Successful resolution of complex multi-party construction law claims**

- > Eliminating further litigation costs and creating certainty for the parties going forward
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Our six group members have more than 150 years of combined legal experience.

## **Services**

- > Business matters
  - > Breach of commercial agreements
  - > Strata corporations (condominiums)
  - > Real property disputes and commercial tenancies
  - > Real estate development issues
  - > Easements and other covenants
- > Family meeting facilitation
- > Marital and cohabitation disputes
- > Wills and estates matters
- > Personal injury claims
  - > MVA
  - > Product liability
  - > Occupiers liability
- > General and disability insurance

We pride ourselves on our ability to serve parties in a cost-effective manner. We provide key advantages to legal counsel and their clients:

- > Efficient resolution of the dispute at hand
- > Complete confidentiality and the avoidance of publicity
- > A high degree of control for the parties and their counsel in mediation as they may create their own process and craft their own settlement agreement, if desired
- > Significant savings in legal costs realized from the avoidance of further litigation
- > Increased "buy-in" from mediating parties given that they have created their own settlement

## **Chair**

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