

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

- Call to Bar, Law Society of Upper Canada (1978)
- LL.B., University of Windsor, Faculty of Law (1976)
- B.A., University of Windsor (1973)
- Harvard Mediation Workshop (Toronto) Introductory (1995) Advanced (1997)
- Atlanta Mediation Workshop (Windsor) Introductory (1981)
- Domestic Violence & Arbitration Workshop (London) 2008 (Toronto) (2012, 2014)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Ducharme Fox LLP, Windsor, partner (2001 – present)
- Sutts, Strosberg LLP, Windsor, partner (1989 – 2000)
- Fox & Associates, Windsor (1979 – 1989)
- Pearce, Ducharme, Windsor (1978 – 1979)

HONOURS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- Annually selected by “Lexpert” as a leading lawyer in Family Law
- Annually selected by “The Best Lawyers in Canada” in Family Law
- Best Lawyers in Canada, London/Windsor Family Law “Lawyer of the Year” (2013)
- Law Society Medal, Law Society of Upper Canada, in recognition of outstanding service in accordance with the highest ideals of the legal profession (2012)
- Charles J. Clark Award, Essex Law Association, given to a local lawyer who best exemplifies the qualities of professionalism, integrity and community service (2010)
- Biz X Magazine “Oscar Award”, “Divorce Attorney You Don’t Want Your Ex to Hire” (2005)
- Athena Award, Windsor Chamber of Commerce, for professionalism, community leadership and mentoring (2003)
- “An Extraordinary Leader in Health Care Enhancement” recognition by Windsor/Essex County Hospitals (1996 – 2002)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- OBA Women Lawyers Forum, panelist “Women Lawyers, Sharing Success Strategies” (May 2014)
- Advocates’ Society Family Justice Reform Committee (forthcoming report) (2009 – present)
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law, lecture “The Business of Law” (October 2013)
- Law Pro Magazine “What Keeps You Up at Night” Ontario Family Law Lawyers Answer Our Question (August 2012)
- Ontario Court of Justice, Young Lawyers Presentation “Tips on Managing Your Practice, Your Life, and Being Successful” (December 2012)

- University of Windsor Faculty of Law, lecture “Professionalism and the Business of Law” (October 2012)
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law, keynote address Pro Bono Students Canada (September 2012)
- Superior Court of Justice, Windsor, organized and chaired “The Pension Minefield” (June 2011)
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law, client counselling demonstration (October 2010)
- Essex Law Association, moderator of judges’ panel “Unravelling the Mysteries of Bill 133” (October 2010)
- Women in Business, presentation on domestic contracts “A Women’s Odyssey” (January 2006)
- The Six Minute Family Law Lawyer, panelist “Assessments: Who Will Watch the Watcher” (December 2006)
- Essex Law Association Charles J. Clark Award Committee (1998 -2006)
- Law Pro Magazine “Addressing Family Law Issues” (July 2005)
- University of Windsor Board of Governors Group “Strategic Direction for University of Windsor” (2005)
- The Six Minute Family Law Lawyer, panelist “Income From Trusts for Child Support Guideline Purposes” (December 2003)
- OBA Family Law Award of Excellence Committee (2003)
- Simplified Rules Implementation Committee (2002 – 2003)
- Ontario Civil Rules Committee (1996 – 2002)
- Essex Law Association, organizer and panelist “Rule 76, Cost Grid, Rule 77” (December 2001)
- Law Society of Upper Canada, panelist “Practice Essentials”, Family Law Issue Spotter (June 2001)
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law 2001 Convocation, addressed graduating class (June 2001)
- Advocates’ Society Court House Series, chair (Windsor) (1996-2000)
- CBAO Annual Institute, panelist Family Law Program (January 2000)
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law, addressed first year law students orientation (September 2000)
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law, lecture “Professionalism in the Practice of Law” (October 2000)
- Insight, panelist “Family Litigation: Property Issues in Tough Times, The Business Enterprise” (2000)
- Essex Law Association Court House Liaison Committee, court house complex for Windsor
- Advocates’ Society Fall Convention, Las Vegas, panelist “Case Management” September (1999)
- CBAO Annual Institute, panelist Marriage Contracts “Older and Wiser” (May 1999)
- Eastern Caribbean Judicial Education Institute, phone conference “ Case Management” (March 1999)
- Trinidad, Tobago, St. Lucia, Antigua, delegate with Master Robert Beaudoin and Master Mary Jo Nolan, address Judiciary, Court Administration, Profession, Law Students, Public Interest Groups and Public, “Ontario Experience with Case Management” (January 1999)
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law, lecture “Ethics and Professionalism in Law” (September 1999)
- London, Middlesex Family Law Association, panelist “8th Annual Spring Conference” (May 1998)
- Advocates’ Society Board of Directors Family Law Committee, Programs Committee, Civil Litigation Task Force (1994 – 1997)
- Carleton Law Association, panelist “Caseflow Management” (October 1996)
- Civil Justice Review Case Flow Management Team, mandate to draft case management rules (rule 77) (1995 – 1996)
- CBAO Institute, panelist “Hard Questions in Family Law Get Answered” (February 1995)
- Law Society of Upper Canada, panelist “How to Succeed in Family Law Without Really Trying (Cases)” (June 1995)
- CBAO Annual Institute, chair Southwest Region Joint Committee on Court Reform (1988 – 1992)
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law Dean’s Search Committee, profession representative (1991 – 1992)

- Essex Law Association Video Tape Project, participant “Contested Master’s Motion” (December 1991)
- CBAO Joint Committee on Court Reform, chair south western regional committee (1988 – 1992)
- Case Flow Management Committee, Windsor pilot project (1988 – 1991)
- CBAO Institute of Continuing Legal Education, section chair “Family Law Gets Involved” 1991
- The Canadian Institute, panelist “Valuation of Property” (March 1990)
- Court Administration, chair Southwest Region “Re-Organization of Ontario Trial Courts” (September 1990)
- Canadian Judicial Centre seminar for judges, panelist “Caseflow Management” (March 1990)
- Essex Law Association Board of Directors (1984 – 1990, President 1989)
- Family Law Lawyers Association Treasurer (1984 – 1988)
- Area Legal Aid Committee (1982 – 1987)
- Windsor-Essex Mediation Centre Pilot Project, mediator (1983 – 1985)

TEACHING:

- Bar Admission Course London and Windsor instructor
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law lecturer on topics in family law, trial advocacy, moot court judge
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law Ducharme Fox LLP (2001 – 2011) sponsors of Advocacy Award
- University of Windsor Odette School of Business presentations and workshops on planning for success
- St. Clair College of Applied Arts & Technology sessional instructor in law office administration, legal ethics, civil procedure, estate administration and journalism (1979 – 1984)

COMMUNITY & CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

- Windsor Chamber of Commerce Athena Award Sub-Committee (2003 – present)
- Windsor/Essex County Hospitals Foundation Board of Directors (1997 – 2007, chair 2005 – 2007)
- Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital Board of Directors (1995 – 2004, vice-chair 2004)
- Massey Secondary Parents Advisory Council (2000 – 2002, chair 2000-2001)
- Bellewood French Immersion Public School Parents Advisory Council (1996 – 1998)
- St. Clair College of Applied Arts & Technology Board of Governors (1984 – 1986)
- Big Sisters Association of Greater Windsor Board of Directors (1981 – 1985, president 1984 – 1985)
- Mental Health Association Windsor/Essex Board of Directors (1980 – 1982)
- Women’s Economic Forum, member
- Local media including CBC radio, CBET television, Windsor Star newspaper: appearances, commentaries, and interviews

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