

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

1982 LL.B. Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., Canada

1979 B.A. with Distinction in Environmental Studies, Colby College, Waterville, Maine, USA

PRACTICE

Mr. Garson has a broad mediation practice having mediated over 6000 cases in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario, Quebec and Alberta during the last twenty years. He has successfully guided parties to resolutions of personal injury claims, class actions, property losses, wrongful dismissal actions, federal and provincial human rights complaints, shareholder and partnership disputes, construction claims, contract disputes, professional negligence (including lawyers, doctors, dentists, physiotherapists, architects and engineers), stockbroker and securities fraud, defamation claims and other "high stakes" litigation.

Mr. Garson has also been appointed sole arbitrator on more than 35 complex commercial, construction and contract disputes. He has also represented clients in international arbitrations in London, Paris, New York, Johannesburg, Istanbul, New Delhi and Singapore and continues to maintain a select international arbitration practice.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS and MEMBERSHIPS

2020

President, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

2005-2009

Member of the American College of Trial Lawyers Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

2010 to Present

International Bar Association (Member)

2009-2010

Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Professional Responsibility Policies and Procedures Committee

2002

Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Discipline Review Committee

Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Professional Responsibility Restructuring Task Force

Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Liability Claims Fund Governance Committee

Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Nominating Committee

2001-2002

Member, Nova Scotia Judicial Council

Member, Atlantic Provinces Law Societies Regional Committee

Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Executive Committee

Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Past Presidents' Committee

Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Bar Council

Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Discipline Policies and Procedures Committee

Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Nominating Committee

2000-2001

President, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

Member, Nova Scotia Equity Employment Guidelines Committee

Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Limited Liability Partnership Task Force

Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Executive Committee

Nova Scotia Delegate, Canadian Federation of Law Societies

Member, Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia Branch)

1999-2000

First-Vice President, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Discipline Subcommittee B

Member, Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia Branch)

Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Executive Committee

Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Bar Council

Member, Department of Justice Costs and Fees Committee

Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Discipline Review Task Force

Vice-Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Finance Committee

Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Discipline Policies and Procedures Committee
Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Administration of Justice Committee
Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Liability Claims Fund Board of Directors
Nova Scotia Delegate, Canadian Federation of Law Societies

1998-1999

Second-Vice President, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Administration of Justice Committee
Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Finance Committee
Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Supreme Court Liaison Committee (Civil)
Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Supreme Court Liaison Committee (Criminal)
Member, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Bar Council
Chair, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Discipline Subcommittee

1998-2002

Member, Federal Judge Advocate General's Advisory Committee

1997-1999

President, Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers' Association

1995-1997

Vice-President, Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers' Association

1985 to present

Guest Lecturer at Dalhousie Law School

1983-1990

Guest Law Lecturer at Queen Elizabeth High School

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS and ACTIVITIES

2004

Inducted as Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers

1998

Appointed Queen's Counsel ("Q.C.")

1983 - to present

Regular Commentator (print media, radio & television) on regional and national legal issues

1993 - to present

Regular speaker at legal education conferences (criminal law, insurance and advocacy)

1999 - to present

Regular speaker at legal education conferences (Mediation/Arbitration)

1997

Retained by the Public Prosecution Service of Nova Scotia to represent the Crown on appeals before the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada from a trial decision to stay charges of manslaughter and criminal negligence causing death arising from the death of 26 miners in the Westray Mine (R. v. Curragh Inc.)

2002

Retained by the Department of Justice (Canada) to represent the Crown on appeals before the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada from a trial decision to stay charges of conspiracy to traffic in narcotics (R. v. Innocente).