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Barb is an experienced litigator who has appeared at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and before a wide variety of statutory and appellate tribunals. Since 2002, she has focused her practice exclusively on alternative dispute resolution, including facilitated negotiation, mediation, and arbitration. She has a national and international dispute resolution practice, with extensive experience in a broad range of areas, including:

- Insurance (E & O, property, personal injury, coverage) disputes;
- Commercial (shareholder, leasing, expropriation) disputes;
- Transportation (marine, aviation, rail) disputes;
- Workplace (employment, WCB, OHS, privacy, discrimination) disputes;
- Class actions; and
- Large, complex multiparty disputes.

Over the years, Barb's mediation skills and pragmatism have been consistently recognized by her peers in the domestic, national, and international ADR communities. She is a frequent presenter to members of both the legal and related professions on ADR-related topics and a mentor and coach to numerous ADR students and professionals.

EDUCATION

- Called to the Bar of British Columbia 1990
- BC Court of Appeal – Law Clerk to the Honourable Carrothers & Hinkson J.J.A. 1988-1989
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Victoria 1988
- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology/Linguistics), University of Alberta 1985
- Speech Sciences Licentiate, University of Leeds, United Kingdom 1978

ADR-RELATED AFFILIATIONS, ACTIVITIES & RECOGNITION

- 2013–2027 named in The Best Lawyers in Canada™ for Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 2025 Appointed King's Counsel
- 2011–2026 recognized as a leading practitioner in Commercial Mediation by Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)
- 2022–2026 recognized as a Global Elite Thought Leader in Commercial Mediation by Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)
- 2014 and 2021 named Lawyer of the Year (ADR) by Lawyer Monthly
- 2020 named Lawyer of the Year (ADR) by Best Lawyers
- 2016–2018 Judicial Justice of the Peace for the Provincial Court of British Columbia
- Distinguished Fellow and member of the Board of Governors of the International Academy of Mediators.
- Chartered Mediator and Chartered Arbitrator, ADR Institute of Canada
- Member, ADR Institute of British Columbia
- Certified Mediator, International Mediation Institute
- Charter Member, Canadian Academy of Distinguished Neutrals