

## **RICHARD LINDSAY, K.C., P. ENG. FCIARB**

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Prior to joining CMB in February 2021, Richard practiced as litigation counsel for more than 40 years, obtaining his law degree from the University of British Columbia in 1977. Prior to law, Richard earned a degree in civil engineering and worked as a project engineer with private and government organizations. He remains registered as a Professional Engineer, providing him with insight and expertise in areas such as professional liability of architects and engineers, construction, and property disputes.

Throughout his legal career, Richard practiced insurance law and has chaired the preeminent insurance law conference held in BC since its inception over 20 years ago. He has been consistently ranked highly in insurance law by his peers. His practice was centered primarily on complex claims litigation, often in different jurisdictions, covering a wide variety of property, casualty, energy, insurance coverage, products liability, fire losses, engineering and construction matters and all manner of professional liability disputes. He has vast experience in the resolution of complex multiparty disputes and has represented clients at all levels of British Columbia courts and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Early in his career Richard developed an interest in alternative dispute resolution and became a strong advocate of the benefits of all forms of ADR. As an experienced trial lawyer, he became aware of the pitfalls, risks, and short comings of resorting to trial as the primary vehicle to resolve disagreements. As a result, he completed his training as both a mediator and an arbitrator and has acted as both counsel and mediator/arbitrator in a wide variety of matters.

On a personal note, Richard remains involved as a lawyer in instructing magistrates, lawyers and investigators involved in wildlife trafficking on advocacy skills with Lawyers Without Borders in Kenya and Tanzania.

Richard's unique background and experience provide him with the skills to assist in the practical resolution of a wide variety of disputes.

### **LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Past President, International Association of Arson Investigators, Chapter 15
- Past President and Director, Canadian Defence Lawyers
- Past Director for Canada, Defense Research Institute
- Past Director Vancouver Bar Association
- Past Hearing Panel Member Law Society of British Columbia
- Chair, Insurance Law Conference, Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C., annually since 1999.
- Director and Interim Chair Canadian Defence Lawyers Foundation
- Past Member, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

- Member, Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Law Subsection
- Member, ADR Institute of Canada
- Past Member, International Association of Defense Counsel
- Lawyers Without Borders – Advocacy Skills Trainer for Prosecutors Magistrates and Wildlife Officers in Kenya and Tanzania involved in wildlife trafficking.
- Legal Advisor – Elephanatics
- Past Contributing Editor/Author – IAAI Fire Investigator Magazine

## EDUCATION

- Harvard Law School - Mediating Disputes, 2012
- University of British Columbia, LL.B., 1977
- Carleton University, B.Eng. (Civil Engineering), 1971
- BC Arbitration and Mediation Institute, Arbitration Training Course, 2017

## ADR-RELATED AFFILIATIONS, ACTIVITIES & RECOGNITION

- Appointed Queen’s Counsel, 2003
- AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale-Hubbell
- Insurance Lawyer of the Year, Canadian Bar Association BC Branch, 2012
- Leading Practitioner, Commercial Insurance Litigation, Canadian Lexpert Directory
- Listed as one of the “Best Lawyers in Canada” for Insurance and Legal Malpractice law
- Best Lawyers Lawyer of the Year- Vancouver - Legal Malpractice 2015
- Best Lawyers Lawyer of the Year -Vancouver - Insurance Defence 2021
- Recipient, Lee Samis Award of Excellence, Canadian Defence Lawyers
- Listed in the International Who’s Who of Insurance and Reinsurance
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers since 2009
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitrators since 2017
- Richard B. Lindsay QC Exceptional Young Lawyer Award created by Canadian Defence Lawyers