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Education

1991 Call to the Bar of Ontario: March 1991

1986 – 1989 Bachelor of Laws, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

1982 – 1986 Honours Bachelor of Arts, Trinity College, University of Toronto Graduated with Distinction

Prizes and Scholarships

1982 Trinity College Entrance Scholarship

1982 Ontario Scholarship

Languages

English, French, some Hungarian

Work Experience

1991 – Present

Speigel Nichols Fox

June 1989 -
June 1990

Smith, Lyons, Torrance, Stevenson & Mayer
(Articles of Clerkship)

Summer, 1988

Ontario Human Rights Commission

(Research Assistant, Legal Department)

- conducted research and prepared legal memoranda. Assisted in creation of computerized subject index to Commission's legal opinions.

Summer, 1987

Ontario Human Rights Commission

(Research Assistant to the Manager, Unit for Handicapped)

- prepared research memoranda pertaining to current Commission files, acted as co-ordinator for summer students employed in regional offices, and translated correspondence from French to English.

Legal Experience

- practise primarily in area of commercial litigation with particular emphasis on the following:
 - collection and insolvency work for various financial institutions and creditors, including mortgage enforcement
 - general commercial litigation including actions arising from fraudulent conveyances, guarantees, negligence, and breach of contract

- tax litigation
- real estate litigation, including Condominium Act enforcement
- residential landlord and tenant disputes (residential and commercial)
- construction liens and construction disputes
- employment law, including wrongful dismissal litigation
- counsel for respondents in complaints to Ontario Human Rights Commission
- professional negligence

- counsel in several reported decisions

- counsel in Superior Court of Justice (extensively), Divisional Court, Court of Appeal (motions), and Tax Court of Canada

- since 1997, has expanded practice to include residential real estate sales and purchases.

Publications

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| 1996 – Present | Edit bi-monthly newsletter for lawyers carrying on a general or real estate practice in Peel regarding lawyer's liability and standards of practice |
| 1995 – Present | Edit bi-monthly newsletter for contractors regarding construction law |
| 1990 | Assisted in preparation of paper presented to the Canadian Insolvency Association entitled: "Leveraged Buyouts – A Gold Mine for Trustees?" |
| 1990 | Assisted in preparation of research paper distributed to insurance clients entitled: "No-Fault Benefits – Practical Considerations and Potential Pitfalls Facing Insurers" |

Professional Organisations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
 - member of Governing Council from 2004
- Peel Law Association
 - director from 2002

Community Involvement

- Brampton Business and Professional Women's Club
 - President 2001-2003
 - First Vice-President 1999-2000
 - Second Vice-President 1997-1998
 - Resolution Committee Chairperson 1994-1999
- Canadian Cancer Society
 - Residential fundraising chairperson for Brampton Unit 1993-1995
- North American Model United Nations (N.A.M.U.N.)
 - Member of Board of Directors 1988-1991
 - President of the General Assembly 1988-1989
 - Committee Director 1987-1988