

ALBERT SUISSA
CURRICULUM VITAE

96 Bedford Park Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M5M 1J1
(416) 540-7126 - cell
email: albertsuissal@gmail.com

Bilingual: English & French (Oral and Written)

EDUCATION

1996 *Admission to Nova Scotia Barristers' Society*

April 1985 *Admission to Law Society of Upper Canada*

Sept. 1980 to May 1983 *University of Ottawa, LL.B.- Bachelor of Laws*

Sept. 1976 to May 1979 *Concordia University, Montréal, Quebec
Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, B.A. - Honours*

EMPLOYMENT (Legal)

Oct.. 2012 to present *Mediator*
Taylor, Martyn & Suissa Mediators

- *conducting mediations pertaining to insurance related matters, including long term disability, personal injury and life claims;*
- *Conducting mediations through Zoom and other virtual forums;*
- *advanced negotiation and mediation skills and having successfully resolved over 1000 mediations (in excess of 98% settlement rate), using a balanced and straightforward approach;*
- *able to conduct mediations in English and French;*
- *mediating throughout Ontario, in addition to Nova Scotia*

Oct. 2012 to Oct. 2014 *Vice-Chair (part-time)*
Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal (WSIAT)

- *conducting oral hearings of final appeals from WSIB decisions;*
- *reviewing medical evidence on medical and employment issues;*
- *reviewing relevant legislation and case law;*
- *drafting decisions for Tribunal for final levels of appeal (100+).*

Oct. 1993 to Sept. 2012 *Manulife Financial*
In-House Counsel (bilingual)

- *managing extensive caseload of group and individual life, long-term disability and personal injury litigation at all levels of court, including drafting pleadings and attending at arbitrations;*
- *participating at extensive at mediations;*

ALBERT SUISSA
CURRICULUM VITAE

- *providing legal updates at conferences on insurance related matters, including long term disability and personal injury.*
- *providing legal advice and opinions to claims staff on policy and insurance contract interpretation;*
- *acting as mentor for junior counsel.*

July 1991 to Oct. 1993

Law Offices (Toronto) – Sole Practitioner
Civil Litigation

- *practising personal injury/tort litigation and other insurance matters, including life, long term disability and no-fault claims;*
- *attending at private mediations and arbitrations pursuant to the no-fault scheme under FSCO;*
- *acting as agent on behalf of the Attorney General of Ontario in various litigation and arbitration matters.*

Sept. 1987 to June 1991

Hamilton/Appotive - Barristers and Solicitors, Ottawa
Civil Litigation

- *acting as defence counsel in personal injury and other insurance matters;*
- *advising insurers on insurance contract issues and related matters, including coverage, definitions and exclusionary clauses;*
- *undertaking all aspects of personal injury litigation, including drafting of pleadings and attend at all levels of court;*
- *attending before administrative tribunals and participating at court mandated and private mediations.*

April 1985 to Aug. 1987

Children's Aid Society, Ottawa
In-House Counsel (bilingual)

- *representing the Society on litigation matters, including trials and judicial review applications before administrative tribunals and various levels of court;*
- *conducting protection applications under the Child and Family Services Act and related legislation; and*
- *providing oral and written opinions relating to Society policy;*

June 1983 to June 1984

Goldberg & Shinder, Barristers&Solicitors
Student at Law, Civil Litigation

- *assisting senior counsel on corporate and litigation matters, including insurance and employment law;*
- *drafting pleadings and preparing legal memoranda; reviewing employment and commercial law issues; and*
- *attending on motions and trials in Small Claims Court.*

ALBERT SUISSA
CURRICULUM VITAE

MEDIATION TRAINING AND SKILLS

Successfully completed training in Alternative Dispute Resolution including:

- *Certificate of Advanced Mediation, obtained through University of Windsor, Faculty of Law,*
- *Advanced Mediation in the ADR Process, Osgoode Hall Law School - York University*
- *Stitt Feld Handy Group – Negotiation training*

PUBLICATIONS/CONFERENCES

Presented papers on selected insurance topics at various conferences, including;

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association (CLHIA)

The Canadian Institute

Canadian Bar Association

Recently presented on Mediations at the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association – August 2021

ASSOCIATIONS

Canadian Bar Association - Insurance/ADR Section

Acting as mentor in the Law Society's Equity and Diversity Mentorship Initiative

Member of Nova Scotia Barristers Society (1996)