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Barb is an experienced litigator who has appeared at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada and a wide variety of statutory and appellate tribunals. For the last 23 years, however, she has focused her practice exclusively on alternate dispute resolution including facilitated negotiation, mediation, and arbitration. In those spheres, she has 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; and
- Class Actions, large, complex multi party suits

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 / coach to numerous ADR students and professionals.

EDUCATION

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

ADR-RELATED AFFILIATIONS, ACTIVITIES & RECOGNITION

- 2025 Appointed King's Counsel
- 2011-2025 named in both the Canadian and International Who's Who of Commercial Mediation
- 2022-2025 named in Who's Who Legal - Thought Leaders, Global Elite (ADR)
- 2013-2024 named in Best Lawyers in Canada (ADR) by Best Lawyers
- 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 Governor of the International Academy of Mediators.
- Chartered mediator and arbitrator Alternate Dispute Resolution Institute of Canada
- Member, British Columbia Arbitration and Mediation Institute
- Certified Mediator, International Mediation Institute
- Charter Member, Canadian Academy of Distinguished Neutrals