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## Education

**1991**                      **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**  
**University of Manitoba**

- First Class Honours
- Recipient of the John Norquay Scholarship, Jack Kusch Scholarship, Louis Lercher Scholarship, and the Royal Trust Award

**1994**                      **Bachelor of Laws**  
**Osgoode Hall Law School at York University**

- Osgoode Hall Law School Centennial Scholarship
- Managing and Senior Editor of the *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*

## Professional Experience

**2012 – present**            **Chairperson**  
**Manitoba Labour Board**

- The presiding officer of the Labour Board responsible for ensuring that the Board fulfils its mandate as an independent and autonomous specialist quasi-judicial administrative tribunal.
- Responsible for the direction, planning, integration and co-ordination of all adjudicative, administrative and field operations of the Labour Board.
- Many decisions published in the leading national reporting series *Canadian Labour Relations Board Reports* (C.L.R.B.R.) and *Canadian Labour Law Reporter* (C.L.L.C.) and referred to in the leading text G.W. Adams, *Canadian Labour Law* (2d ed.).

**2003 – 2012**

**Vice-Chairperson  
Manitoba Labour Board**

- Responsible for acting as the chairperson of tripartite labour board panels hearing cases under various statutes including *The Labour Relations Act* and *The Employment Standards Code*.

**2005 – present**

**Labour Arbitrator and Mediator  
Colin S. Robinson Arbitration**

- Responsible for the conduct of hearings and issuance of decisions regarding grievances filed under collective agreements as sole arbitrator / mediator or as the chairperson of arbitration boards.
- Named arbitrator in many collective agreements and frequently appointed as grievance and interest arbitrator by parties.
- Prior to appointment as Chairperson, included on the Manitoba Labour Board List of Arbitrators and appointed as a decision maker pursuant to the political participation provisions of *The Elections Act*.
- Decisions published in the leading national reporting series *Labour Arbitration Cases* (L.A.C.) and referred to in the leading text Brown & Beatty, *Canadian Labour Arbitration* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.).

**2011 to 2018**

**Sessional Instructor  
University of Manitoba**

- Conducted class in Labour Law for several years.

**2001 – 2003**

**Deputy Chief Commissioner (part-time)  
Residential Tenancies Commission**

- Responsible for hearing appeals as and issuance of decisions issued by the Residential Tenancies Board filed under *The Residential Tenancies Act*.

**1998 – 2003**

**Legal Counsel  
Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union**

- Acted as counsel to the union in respect of grievance arbitration hearings into grievances filed by the union and labour board applications.

**1994 – 1998**

**Barrister and Solicitor  
Myers Weinberg**

- Called to the Bar in the Province of Manitoba in 1995.
- Primarily acted as counsel to trade unions in the fields of labour, administrative and constitutional law.
- Appeared in all levels of courts including Provincial Court, Court of Queen's Bench, Manitoba Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada as well as before arbitration boards, and the Manitoba Labour Board.

**Related Volunteer Activities**

- Frequent lecturer at the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts on labour law and administrative advocacy.
- Past President and Executive Board member of the Manitoba Council of Administrative Tribunals (MCAT).
- Conducts annual training on decision making for new appointees to administrative tribunals in Manitoba and decision writing for MCAT.
- Board of Directors of the Canadian Council of Administrative Tribunals.