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Phyllis' practice is focused primarily on civil litigation and administrative law, involving a wide variety of complex litigation and administrative matters for major institutional and corporate clients. In the last ten years she has also conducted in excess of 100 arbitrations, primarily but not restricted to, disputes between labour and management in the context of collective agreements. She is also one of the Alberta representatives on the arbitration roster under the Interprovincial Trade Agreement.

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory recognizes Phyllis as a leading lawyer in Professional Liability Law.

Phyllis was a bencher of the Law Society of Alberta from 1981 to 1991, and President in 1991. As a bencher she sat on and chaired every major committee of the Law Society. She was a director of the Federation of Law Societies from 1991 to 1996 and was president in 1995. Since 1989 she has been a member of the Advisory Board of the Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association (CLIA), chairing the national claims committee until 2000 when she assumed the role of Chair of CLIA. As Chair of CLIA, she is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Bar Related Insurers.

She has also been a sessional instructor at the University of Alberta for many years teaching local government law, professional responsibility and advocacy. Phyllis has been involved in numerous continuing education programs for lawyers and others including programs for the Legal Education Society of Alberta, the Alberta branch of the Canadian Bar Association, and the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice. She is currently a member of the Alberta Law Reform Institute Steering Committee for the Rules of Court Project. Phyllis is a past member of the Alberta Cancer Board and the Oliver Daycare Board. She was a recipient of the Canadian Bar Association (Alberta branch) and Law Society of Alberta Distinguished Service Award (1999) and the Edmonton Bar Association Distinguished Service Award (1993), and holds an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Phyllis is a member of the Law Society of Alberta, the Canadian Bar Association, the Edmonton Bar Association and the Alberta Expropriation Association. She also belongs to the Arbitration and Mediation Society, and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Professional Memberships

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Edmonton Bar Association
- Member, Arbitration and Mediation Society
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Volunteer Activities

- Chair, Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association
- Former Sessional Instructor, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta

Practice Areas

- Administrative
- Law Insurance
- Litigation Mediation & Arbitration
- Professional Liability

Admitted to Bar

Alberta, 1975

Education

- 1976 LL.M. (Harvard)
- 1974 LL.B. (University of Alberta)
- 1968 B.A. Honours (University of Toronto)