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Education / Bar Admissions

LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1966

B.A., Notre Dame College and University of British Columbia, 1963

British Columbia, 1967

Alberta, 1977

Yukon Territory, 1977

Professional Involvement

Member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association

Former Member, International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Arbitration;

Former Chairman, Commercial Arbitration Committee of ICC, Canadian National Committee

Founding Trustee, British Columbia International Commercial Arbitration Centre;

Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers

Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia Law School and Hunter Professor of Arbitration, City University, Hong Kong: July 1995-June 1996

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Honourable Edward C. Chiasson is counsel in our Vancouver office. As a member of the judiciary, Ed sat on the Court of Appeal for British Columbia, and the Yukon Court of Appeal from September 2006 to December 2015.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Mr. Chiasson earned an impressive reputation as one of Canada's leading litigators, and as an internationally-renowned arbitrator, practicing in commercial litigation law with Borden Ladner Gervais in Vancouver. He has appeared in all of the courts of British Columbia, Alberta, the Yukon, the Federal Court trial and appellate divisions and the Supreme Court of Canada.

For over 25 years Ed was counsel and an arbitrator, mainly, although not exclusively, in international disputes. Disputes involved all aspects of commercial practice, including construction and shipping and parties from diverse jurisdictions around the world. Known as one of the pioneers of international arbitration in Canada, he was instrumental in building the foundations to the firm's International Trade and Arbitration Group before joining the judiciary.

Mr. Chiasson has previously sat as an arbitrator and acted as counsel in numerous high-profile cases, including investor-state matters under NAFTA and ICSID, as well as commercial disputes in ad hoc proceedings and under all major institutional rules. He has also held academic posts teaching alternative dispute resolution at the University of British Columbia and City University, Hong Kong.

Mr. Chiasson has been a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the roster of a number of institutions, including the American Arbitration Association. He is also a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- As an appellate judge decided all types of commercial cases, including cases involving arbitration issues;
- Served on and chaired a number of NAFTA Chapter 19 bi-national panels and sat on NAFTA Chapter 11 and ICSID arbitrations;

Community Involvement

Member, Board of Directors, Chor
Leoni Men's Choir

Member Vancouver Branch,
International Wine and Food Society

Member Vancouver Chapter,
Commanderie de Bordeaux

Member, Royal Vancouver Yacht
Club

Past Chair, Vancouver Symphony
Orchestra

- Has spoken at many conferences and had many publications on the topic of ADR and advocacy;
- Was the Hunter Professor of Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, City University of Hong Kong 1995-1996 and taught an ADR seminar at UBC School of Law for 12 years;
- Appeared as counsel and acted as an arbitrator and mediator in international proceedings in Canada, France, England, United States, Hong Kong and Singapore involving parties from Eastern and Western Europe, North America, the Pacific Rim and India. The arbitrations have been both ad hoc and institutional, including proceedings under UNCITRAL Rules, the American Arbitration Association, the International Chamber of Commerce, the British Columbia International Commercial Arbitration Centre and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). Mediations include acting under the Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Center for the Americas (CAMCA);
- In practice, commercial litigation, arbitration and mediation, both domestic and international, including maritime (collision, construction and cargo), tax, combines (anti-trust), joint venture, franchising, consortium and licensing disputes, hi-tech and computer issues, including matters of intellectual property, general litigation, with particular emphasis and experience in construction, engineering and other similar technical disputes, advising on and acting as counsel with respect to environmental, waste management and native rights issues.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, ITA Workshop, Dallas, Texas, 2016.
- Speaker, Advocates Society (arbitration presentation), Vancouver, 2016.
- Speaker, CLE course on creditor's remedies, Vancouver, 2016.
- Speaker, Western Canada Commercial Arbitration Society, Calgary, Alberta, 2014 and 2016.
- Speaker, ICDR Miami International Arbitration Conference, 2015.
- Speaker, ICC Canada International Arbitration Conference, Vancouver, B.C., 2015.
- Author, "Arbitral and Judicial Musings," *ADRIC Canadian Arbitration and Mediation Journal*, 2014.
- Speaker, "Drafting Arbitral Awards," CLE of BC, 2009.

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