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Arbitrator/Mediator/Lawyer

Blair's practice for many years was focused on general civil litigation. However, in recent years he has served extensively as a labour arbitrator and as an arbitrator and mediator in commercial and other types of disputes. Blair also has a significant administrative law component to his practice, acting for several professional colleges in relation to conduct investigations and proceedings.

Blair's ADR practice commenced in 1997 on a small scale when he began to be selected periodically as an arbitrator in labour matters, primarily grievance arbitrations.

Over several years, Blair's ADR practice grew in both the labour and commercial fields to include grievance and interest arbitration matters and to include mediation of all types of labour disputes.

In addition, Blair became actively involved as an arbitrator and mediator in various types of civil disputes (negligence, product liability and estate claims) and commercial disputes (shareholder disputes in closely held corporations and various types of breach of contract actions, including commercial lease disputes, commercial real estate Development Agreements and disputes over various types of restrictive covenants).

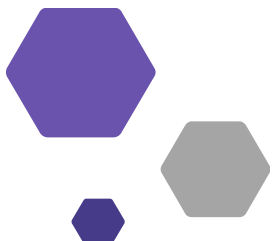
EDUCATION

University of Manitoba, LL.B., 1977

University of Manitoba, Bachelor of Arts, 1974

CALL TO THE BAR

Manitoba, 1978



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ACHIEVEMENTS

Queen's Counsel, 1992

Fellow of American College of Trial Lawyers since 2004

Blair has been selected on several occasions by his peers to be included in the Best Lawyers in Canada in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution

Blair has been a guest lecturer on evidentiary issues at the Robson Hall Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba

Blair has been a part-time Vice-Chair of the Manitoba Labour Board from 2006 to the present

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Former National Vice-President of the Canadian Red Cross Society

Order of the Red Cross (Officer)

Remains an active volunteer with the United Way of Winnipeg

Frequent presenter on various topics in continuing legal education seminars on issues primarily relating to evidence and various aspects of labour and employment law



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