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Barb graduated in 1988 and was called to the bar in 1990. As a litigator, she 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 Barb has focused her practice exclusively on mediation and arbitration and has experience in a broad range of areas including:

- Insurers and claimants in bodily injury, errors and omissions and property claims
- Insurers, property owners, lessees, design professionals and others involved in construction, property, commercial leasing and expropriation disputes
- Transportation disputes - marine, aviation, and rail
- Employers, contractors, and employees involved in employment, WCB, OHS, privacy and discrimination disputes
- Class Actions and large multi party suits

During the last 23 years Barb has given numerous presentations to members of both the legal and related professions on matters such as mediation skills, advocacy and ethics. She has also mentored and continues to mentor many ADR 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

- Distinguished Fellow and Governor of the International Academy of Mediators.
- 2011-2024 - named in both the Canadian and International Who's Who of Commercial Mediation
- 2022-2024 - 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
- 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