

Dean Lawton, Q.C. - Professional Activities:

Dean is a partner with Carfra Lawton LLP in Victoria, B.C.; a law firm he and the late James Carfra, Q.C. began in 1985. Throughout his career Dean has developed a practice with a preferred focus on insurance law and civil proceedings in which he has represented a wide range of individuals, businesses, professionals, elected officials, and Not-for-Profit organizations in complex proceedings. Dean has appeared in all levels of court in B.C. and in the Supreme Court of Canada. Best Lawyers Canada has recognized Dean for his expertise in Insurance Law. Dean was a co-founding member of Risk Management Counsel of Canada (RMC).

Dean is a credentialed mediator and member of Mediate B.C. in which capacity he has successfully mediated hundreds of disputes as counsel and mediator involving litigated private and public law issues. He was President of the Victoria Bar Association (VBA) in 2003 and member of the VBA executive from 2002 through 2004, and from 2014 to present has been an ex-officio member of the executive of the VBA in his role as Bencher of the Law Society.

In 2013 he was elected a Bencher of the Law Society of British Columbia for Victoria County and has been active in many Law Society Committees and working groups, including Credentials (member), Governance (member), Practice Standards (member and Vice-Chair), Lawyer Education Advisory (member and Chair), Act and Rules (member), Recruitment and Nominating Advisory (member), Truth and Reconciliation Advisory (member and co-Chair), Ethics (member), Discipline (member), Alternate Fee Review Working Group (Chair), Executive Committee (member and Vice-Chair), and Finance and Audit (member and Chair). He has also sat as Chair and Bencher panel member on Law Society discipline hearings, and review boards, and has conducted numerous lawyer discipline conduct reviews as a subcommittee of the Discipline Committee. In 2018 he was appointed representative for the law societies of the western provinces in the Federation of Law Societies' Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Advisory Committee.

In 2018 Dean was elected 2nd Vice-President of the Law Society for 2019. In 2020 Dean became 1st Vice-President of the Law Society, and will become President in 2021.

Dean has a strong interest in legal education having been a mentor and principal to many students and young lawyers. He has been active as a speaker and author in Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. (CLEBC), Canadian Defence Lawyers (CDL), Canadian Bar Association BC Branch (CBABC), and RMC seminars and publications; and has presented provincially and nationally at industry based seminars. He has been a sessional lecturer in civil procedure and insurance law at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law; and a guest judge at annual PLTC moot court presentations; and at UVIC advocacy sessions. In 2014 he was appointed a Law Society Bencher representative to the Board of the CLEBC, serving in that role until December 2018.

Contributions to Legal Education:

2014 to present: Law Society guest speaker, lecturer, and facilitator at CBABC and UVic Faculty of Law sessions on lawyer ethics

2019: Guest speaker on rule of law and lawyer governance at UVIC Law symposium for Thai judges

1996 to present: PLTC for the Law Society – Guest judge (annually)

1993 to 2015: UVIC, Advocacy sessions – Guest moot court judge (annually) and guest lectures

Spring 2015: Editorial advisor committee member on Law Society publications

29/5/2015: Bench and Bencher Ethics Seminar- Panelist with fellow Victoria County Bencher, and Chief Justice Hinkson and Chief Judge Crabtree

12/07/2014: CDL, Joint US and Canadian Conference- Panelist with retired US Judge Paris Kallas

12/09/2013: CLEBC, Insurance Law Conference – Course materials co-editor

27/02/2013: CDL, Mediation Trends Seminar – Course materials author and course presenter

2008 to 2012: CLEBC, *Civil Jury Instructions* (CIVJI) – Member of editorial advisory committee (annually)

28/09/2011: CLEBC, Insurance Law Conference 2011 – Course materials author and course presenter

23/10/2009 CLEBC, Health Care Costs Recovery Act – Course presenter

2006/2008/2010: CLEBC, Book publication *Advising BC Business* – Contributing chapter author
 2/3/2006: CLEBC, Insurance Law Conference – Course materials author and course presenter
 11/3/2002: CLEBC, Insurance Law Conference – Course materials author and course presenter
 2002: Insurance Institute of BC, Waste management and legal implications – Course presenter
 1995 to 2004 UVIC Faculty of Law – Sessional lecturer in Civil Procedure and Insurance law
 1992 to 1999 CLEBC, *Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Practice Manual* – Contributing author
 1991 Insurance Brokers Association of BC, Emerging legal liability exposures – Course presenter
 Various Insurance Institute of British Columbia, risk management organizations, and provincial and national industry risk management continuing education presentations – Course presenter

Educational:

B.A.Hons. (1976) Simon Fraser University, TQS 4 from the Ministry of Education (1976), LL.B. (1980) University of Victoria, Faculty of Law. Called to the B.C. Bar in 1981. Member of B.C. Mediation Roster Society (now Mediate B.C.) since 2007.

Employment History:

-May 1980-May 1981 Articled Student, Jones Emery & Carfra, Barristers and Solicitors: Duties included research in civil litigation matters, Small Claims Court trials, appearances with principal in Provincial Court on criminal and family matters.

- June 1981-February 1984 Associate with Achtem Alexander, Barristers and Solicitors: Duties included counsel work in criminal, family, and bodily injury and corporate and commercial matters.

-March 1984-June1985 Associate with J.S. Carfra and Company, Barristers and Solicitors: Duties included counsel work in insurance related liability and subrogation claims, insurance coverage opinions, and corporate and commercial proceedings.

July 1985 to present: Partner with Carfra and Lawton, Barristers and Solicitors (now Carfra Lawton LLP): Duties included counsel work in a wide variety of civil litigation proceedings, insurance coverage analysis and policy design; legal risk management advice to underwriters and self-insured entities; mediation services to individuals, corporations and government; guidance and mentorship to articled students and young lawyers; marketing of firm legal services provincially, nationally, and in the UK; administration of firm practices and procedures.

Personal:

Dean lives in Victoria with his wife; his two adult children having left the nest. Recreationally, he enjoys squash, cycling, travel, and obscure English sports cars.

Dean also has interests in supporting the community, having been on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater Victoria from 2008 to 2014, and a member of its Finance Committee from 2012-14. He was involved previously as a Team Leader in the YW-YMCA of Greater Victoria Campaign for Youth. He and his wife are supporters of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.