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Overview

Derek Cranna, KC is a member of Field Law's Professional Regulatory and Labour and Employment practice groups, with a focus on administrative law in the context of professional regulation, policing, labour, and occupational health and safety.

Derek acts as counsel to Alberta regulatory organizations and municipal police services, particularly in the investigation, disposition and prosecution of disciplinary matters, as well as acting as independent legal counsel to disciplinary tribunals. In the policing context, he represents leaders of police and peace officer services in all matters involving professional discipline, civil litigation, employment and human rights issues. His practice includes representation of major Alberta post-secondary educational institutions in providing labour relations, human rights, policy and governance advice. Derek also provides both policy advice and representation to governmental organizations and private entities in occupational health and safety matters.

He is a member of the Alberta bar and has appeared before all levels of Court in Alberta, as well as before the Federal Court, Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. He also has considerable experience acting as a Presenting Officer in police disciplinary proceedings, before the Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, and before the Alberta Court of Appeal.

Derek was a member of the Board of Directors for Legal Aid Alberta from 2011 - 2017 and was the Board Chair from 2013 - 2015. He was formerly the President of the Canadian Association of University Solicitors (2020-21), and previously acted as a director for the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association and of the Edmonton Inner-City Housing Society. He has been a member of Field's Executive Committee since 2019. Derek was appointed as Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) for the Province of Alberta in 2020.

Experience

Conlin v. Edmonton (City) Police Service, 2021 ABCA 287

Campeau v Knecht, 2018 ABQB 504

Deluca v. Alberta (Law Enforcement Review Board), 2017 ABCA 252

Kozina v. Edmonton (Police Service), 2017 ABLERB 020

Alberta v. Suncor Inc, 2017 ABCA 221

Industries

Law Enforcement
Education
Public Sector

Services

Professional Regulatory
Labour + Employment
Occupational Health + Safety

Education

University of Saskatchewan, 1998,
Bachelor of Laws
University of Saskatchewan, 1993,
Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Alberta, 2001
Saskatchewan (inactive), 1999

Engel v. Edmonton (Police Service), 2017 ABLERB 014, Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board

Deluca and Paulino v. Edmonton (Police Service), 2017 ABLERB 003, Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board

Kozina v. Edmonton (Police Service), 2016 ABLERB 022, Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board

Downing v. Edmonton (Police Service), 2016 ABLERB 020, Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board

MF et al v. Edmonton (Police Service), 2016 ABLERB 018, Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board

Professional

Canadian Association of University Solicitors

Member

2008 - Present

Law Society of Alberta

Member

2001 - Present

Edmonton Bar Association

Member

2001 - Present

Law Society of Saskatchewan

Member

1999 - Present (non-practicing)

Canadian Bar Association

Member

1998 - Present

Community

President, Canadian Association of University Solicitors (CAUS)., 2020-Present

Board of Directors, Legal Aid Alberta, 2011-2017

Chair of the Board, Legal Aid Alberta, 2013-2015

Vice-Chair of the Board, Legal Aid Alberta, 2012-2013

Member, Mens Sports Committee, Glendale Golf and Country Club, 2006-2015

Volunteer Mentor, Pro Bono Students Canada, 2004-2010

Director, Edmonton Inner-City Housing Society, 2002-2004

Director, University of Saskatchewan, Alumni Association, 2000-2002

Member Communications & Finance Comm., University of Saskatchewan, Alumni Association, 2000-2002

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[2018 Field Law Post-Secondary Summit](#)