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Overview

As a long-time Edmonton member of the firm's Litigation group, Greg Harding, KC has a wide-ranging, respected practice in both Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Greg has worked extensively with Crown Corporations and Agencies, as well as government and institutional clients, throughout his career, examples include Alberta Justice, numerous post-secondary institutions, the Public Trustee, Alberta Teachers Retirement Fund, and Alberta Pensions Services Corporation. His work experience includes a one-year secondment to the Constitutional and Energy Law Section (as previously known) at Alberta Justice.

Clients seek Greg's help in diverse areas of the law such as:

- Public sector litigation
- Post-Secondary law, including governance
- Commercial and construction law matters
- Estate and trust law
- Constitutional and administrative law

These areas have Greg representing clients before a variety of boards and tribunals as well as in the courts. He also promotes and regularly participates in mediation, arbitration and dispute resolution procedures.

Greg's professional experience includes his time as a Past-President of the Canadian Bar Association – Alberta Branch; and as a Past-President of each of the Canadian Bar Insurance Association and Canadian Bar Financial Services (now known as Lawyers Financial).

Value to Clients

Greg is a team-player who puts an emphasis on being responsive to clients and those with whom he works -- *"The client's problem becomes our problem."* Clients appreciate his ability to quickly master facts and issues. He also values what professionalism and civility can bring to the table in solving problems. As he puts it, *"having lawyers on each side who can effectively communicate with one another is typically of great benefit to clients -- particularly so in contentious matters or wherever there are strained relationships."*

Industries

Public Sector
Education

Services

Litigation
Constitutional
Legislative Reform + Development
Construction
Pensions + Benefits
Wills, Estates + Trusts
Estate Administration
Trusts
Estate + Trust Disputes

Education

University of Alberta, 1982,
Bachelor of Laws
University of Alberta, 1979,
Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Northwest Territories (inactive),
2011
Alberta, 1983

Outside the Office

Complementing his appreciation for "all things music", Greg and his wife are keen travellers -- be it trips afar or hitching-up their tear-drop RV for North American destinations. In either case, he will likely have packed his blues harmonica just in case an opportunity for an impromptu jam arises.

Experience

Wybee Developments Ltd. v. First Investors Corporation, 1986 CanLII 1770 (AB QB), Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

Calder v Alberta, 2019 ABCA 289

Hoffman Estate (Re), 2019 ABQB 473

Calder v Alberta, 2017 ABQB 162

Jane Doe v. Alberta (Deputy Minister of Executive Council), 2016 ABQB 135, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

Doe v. Alberta, 2014 ABCA 246, Alberta Court of Appeal

Sullivan v Golden Intercapital (GIC) Investments Corp, 2014 ABQB 212, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

Dalla Lana v University of Alberta, 2013 ABCA 327, Alberta Court of Appeal

Pridgen v. University of Calgary, 2012 ABCA 139, Alberta Court of Appeal

Dalla Lana v. University of Alberta, 2012 ABQB 97, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

Professional

Canadian Foundation for Legal Research

Trustee

2022 - Present

Canadian Forum on Civil Justice

Member

1999-Present

Centre for Constitutional Studies

Associate Member

1990-Present

Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ), Advisory Board

Member

2009-2015

Canadian Bar Financial Corporation (CBAF), Board of Directors

President

2009-2011

Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association (CLIA), Advisory Board

Member

2005-2009

Canadian Bar Insurance Association (Lawyers Financial)

President

2005 - 2007

Canadian Bar Insurance Association (Lawyers Financial), Board of Directors

1997-2007

Canadian Bar Association Alberta

President

1997 - 1998

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Executive Committee**Officer**

1994 - 1999

Community

Board Director, CKUA Radio Foundation, Feb 2022-Present

Committee Member, CBA West Conference, 2019-2019

Committee Member, CBA West Conference, 2017-2017

Director, Public Foundation for Art and Life, 2009-Present

Member, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, 2010-2015

Chair, Dinner and CBA Program, Alberta Court of Appeal Centennial Symposium, 2014-2014

Co-Chair, Ethics and Civility Program, Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice , 2014-2014

Committee Member, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance "Joint (AB-BC) Legal Consultative Committee", 2013

Co-Chair, Annual Conference "The Courts and Beyond", Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice , 2012-2012

Member, Law Campaigns Kick-Off Gala Committee, University of Alberta, 1995 & 2008-1995 & 2008

Mid-Winter Meeting Committees, Canadian Bar Association Alberta, 1995-2003

Annual Conference Chair, Canadian Bar Association (National), 1999-1999

Member, Wills Week Steering Committee, 1996-1998

Volunteer, Canadian Bar Association, Law Day, 1993-1994

Mid-Winter Meeting Chair, Canadian Bar Association Alberta, 1993 -1993

Lecturer, Inclusion Conference "Making it Work Together", 1991-1991

Substantive Program Chair, Joint Law Society & CBA Annual Meetings, 1988 & 1989-1988 & 1989

Member, Playground Committee, Aldergrove Community League , 1984-1986

Recognition

"Distinguished", Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™: 2013, 2016 - 2023

Canadian Bar Association (National) - Douglas Miller Award : 2003

Canadian Bar Association - Alberta Branch President's Award : 1999

Queen's Counsel : 1996

Client Stories**Winning an intra-family claim**

- **Our client:** Greg Harding's client was the spouse of the deceased. A challenge was made to her ability to change her own will after the death of her husband.
- **Our Approach:** Family tensions were high and a negotiated resolution was proving challenging. This was a circumstance where Greg concluded it was necessary to get the parties to court for a ruling, as effectively and efficiently as possible -- so as to give all parties "their day in court".
- **The Result:** His client prevailed and especially valued being backstopped by a court ruling to assist her with future family dealings.

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