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Overview

Jon Faulds focuses his practice on complex litigation and class or mass actions in areas such as constitutional, aboriginal and health law. He has represented government in constitutional references and other complex constitutional litigation before the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, the Alberta Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada and has appeared on behalf of Aboriginal groups in Aboriginal rights cases before the Federal Court of Canada and the Federal Court of Appeal.

Jon's clients have included socially and economically disadvantaged people who were harmed by Canada's Indian Residential Schools or other public and private institutions. These include hundreds wrongfully sterilized by the Alberta Government's Eugenics Program from 1928 to 1972, and, more recently, Indigenous Canadians who were placed in Indian Residential Schools.

In 2005, Jon helped lead a national consortium of lawyers in the negotiation of the historic, multi-billion dollar Indian Residential Schools settlement, which also established a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to address the legacy of the schools, a network of church-administered boarding schools that removed approximately 150,000 Indigenous children (First Nations or "Indians", Métis and Inuit) from their families from the late 19th Century until the end of the residential schools in 1996. The agreement, approved in 2007, was the largest class action settlement in Canadian history.

In 2008, Jon was appointed a Special Advocate in relation to security certificate matters by the Government of Canada. Most recently, he has defended major class actions brought against health services providers in Alberta.

Jon has been a frequent speaker at professional seminars on legal practice issues and a guest speaker at local and national conferences on aboriginal law issues. Prior to practicing law, he was a reporter with the Edmonton Journal and the Calgary Herald and served as a legal issues commentator for CBC Radio. He has practiced law in Edmonton since 1980 and joined Field in 1988.

Outside the Office

Jon is a fitness runner who has competed in a few long-distance races, including one marathon and various legs in the Kananaskis 100 and the Jasper-Banff relay. He's also a seasoned traveler who took a year off after law school for an overland trip from England to Nepal followed by long stretches in Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Industries

Indigenous
Media + Entertainment

Services

Litigation
Aboriginal
Class Actions
Workplace Human Rights
Constitutional
Hospital / Medical Staff Relations

Education

Osgoode Hall Law School, 2012,
LLM, Master of Laws (Constitutional Law)
University of Alberta, 1978,
Bachelor of Laws

Admissions

Alberta, 1980

Experience

Al-Ghamdi v College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, 2020 ABCA 81

Makis v Alberta Health Services, 2020 ABQB 245

Makis v Alberta Health Services, 2020 ABCA 168

Makis v Alberta Health Services, 2019 ABCA 288

1985 Sawridge Trust v Alberta (Public Trustee), 2019 ABCA 244

1985 Sawridge Trust v Alberta (Public Trustee), 2019 ABCA 243

Laughlin v Alberta Health Services, 2018 ABQB 574

Elder Advocates of Alberta Society v Alberta, 2018 ABQB 37

1985 Sawridge Trust v Kennedy, 2017 ABCA 368

R v Newborn, 2017 ABQB 635

Professional

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Constitutional and Civil Liberties Law Section (North)

Co-Chair

2009 - Present

Community

Director, Edmonton Community Legal Centre, 2008-Present

Volunteer Lawyer, Edmonton Community Legal Centre, 2007-Present

Supervising Lawyer, Pro Bono Students Canada, 2007-Present

Former Director and Secretary, NeWest Press

Former Member, Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Affairs Committee

Former Member, John Howard Society & Elizabeth Fry Society

Recognition

Aboriginal Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Edmonton, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2015 and 2021

Listed Class Action Litigation, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2012 - 2021

Listed Aboriginal Law, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2014 - 2021

"Distinguished", Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™: 2017 - 2019

"Repeatedly Recommended" Aboriginal Law, Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory: 2017 - 2018

Queen's Counsel: 2002

"Repeatedly Recommended" Indigenous Law, Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory: 2020

News + Views + Events

September 2018

[The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019](#)

August 2017

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