

CURRICULUM VITAE
Buddy G. Melnyk, K.C.

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Professional Designation: Barrister and Solicitor

Admission to Alberta Bar: August 2, 1991

Degrees: Bachelor of Law University of Alberta, 1990

Bachelor of Commerce, University of Alberta, 1985
(major – finance; minor – economics)

King's Counsel appointment in 2020

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Company Name: Warren Sinclair LLP
Barristers and Solicitors
Partner

Dates: January 1, 2017 to present

Company Name: Gerig Hamilton Neeland LLP
Barristers and Solicitors
Partner

Dates: April 1, 1997 to December 31, 2019

Company Name: Cunningham Melnyk
Barristers and Solicitors
Partner

Dates: December 1, 1992 to March 31, 1997

Company Name: Crowe Duhamel Manning (now Altalaw LLP)
Barristers and Solicitors
Associate

Dates: August 2, 1991 to August 31, 1992

PRACTICE AREAS AND COMPETENCIES

- Practice has been primarily focused in family law and civil litigation
- Past experience in foreclosure, tenancy matters and civil enforcement
- Numerous interlocutory applications, specials, hearings and trials
- Excellent knowledge of courtroom procedures, the Rules of Court, the rules of evidence and related courtroom matters
- Interest based negotiations and mediation skills
- Diversified experience in other areas such as real estate, commercial, corporate, wills and estate

REPORTED CASES AS COUNSEL

Dixon v Kachenko, 2015 ABPC 19

Empson v. Findlay, 2012 CarswellAlta 2307; 2012 ABQB 757; [2013] A.W.L.D. 2229; [2013] A.W.L.D. 2239; [2013] W.D.F.L. 2560; [2013] W.D.F.L. 2578; 226 A.C.W.S. (3d) 491 Alberta Court of Queen's Bench Alberta December 11, 2012

Masters v Willow Butte Cattle Co., 2002 CarswellAlta 1751; 2003 C.L.L.C. 230-003; 42 C.H.R.R. D/321

J. (T.L.) v. J. (K.D.), 2003 CarswellAlta 720; 2003 ABQB 436 Alberta Court of Queen's Bench Alberta May 15, 2003

T. (T.N.) v. T. (J.), 2001 CarswellAlta 722; 288 A.R. 362 Alberta Court of Queen's Bench Alberta April 27, 2001

BENCHER INVOLVMENT WITH THE LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

- ✓ Bencher with the Law Society of Alberta since 2018
- ✓ Board member with the Canadian Centre for Legal Education (CPLED) since 2019
- ✓ Board member with the Alberta Lawyer's Assistance Society (ASIST) since 2019
- ✓ Vice-chair of the Lawyer Competency Committee 2018 to present
- ✓ Family Law Rules Advisory Sub-Committee member 2018 to current

ADJUDICATOR EXPERIENCE

Bencher with the Law Society of Alberta (since 2018) and panel member on seventeen adjudication panels:

- ❖ *Conduct Hearing Panels*: Panel presides over conduct hearings involving lawyers facing conduct issues and I have sat as a Panel member for a total of twenty disciplinary hearings, of which I have written fourteen decisions.
- ❖ *Resignation Committees*: Where a member seeks to resign, but that member has outstanding disciplinary matters, the resignation application is heard by a Resignation Committee. I have been a Committee member on six such applications and I chaired four of these applications.
- ❖ *Appeal Panels*: A member who has been sanctioned by a Hearing Panel has a right of appeal before a seven Bencher Appeal Panel. I have sat on two such Appeal Panels.
- ❖ *Reinstatement Panels*: A disbarred member may seek reinstatement as a lawyer, and I have sat on one reinstatement Panel.
- ❖ *Other Panels*: I have been a panel member on two applications by a suspended member seeking restricted employment. I have also sat on one stay application by a suspended member on December 5, 2019.

Following are decisions which I chaired and penned the ruling:

Law Society of Alberta v Kobylnyk, 2023 CanLII 86095 (AB LS)
Law Society of Alberta v Juneja, 2022 ABLs 11 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v Damen, 2022 ABLs 6 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v Andressen, 2021 ABLs 8 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v LeDrew, 2020 ABLs 5 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v Sobol, 2020 ABLs 33 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v Moughel, 2019 ABLs 5 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v O'Shaughnessy, 2019 ABLs 11 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v Schultz, 2019 ABLs 7 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v Forbes, 2018 ABLs 14 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v Strang, 2018 ABLs 15 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v Kelly, 2018 ABLs 27 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v Stark, 2018 ABLs 12 (CanLII)
Law Society of Alberta v LeDrew, 2020 ABLs 5 (CanLII)

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- ✓ Appointed King's Counsel on March 12, 2020
- ✓ Recipient of Distinguished Service Award - Pro Bono Services on January 26, 2017 from Law Society of Alberta and Canadian Bar Association – Alberta
- ✓ Volunteer Recognition Recipient (2016) from the Law Society of Alberta
- ✓ Recipient of the "Prism Award" for outstanding commitment to pro bono legal services from the Central Alberta Community Legal Clinic (2010)

LEGAL TEACHING AND INSTRUCTION

- Legal Education Society of Society – presented paper titled "Summary of Principles of Spousal and Partner Support" at the 2022 Wills and Estates Refresher symposium
- Legal Education Society of Society – presented paper titled "Advising and Serving as a Board Member on Not-For-Profit Organizations" at Board Governance Program for Not-For-Profits in 2021
- Legal Education Society of Alberta - presented paper titled "Drafting Post-Separation Property Agreements" at Family Law Contracts program 2019
- Legal Education Society of Alberta – Chair and presented paper titled "Emergency Protection Orders and Queen's Bench Protection Orders" at Family Law: Chambers Advocacy and Practice Pointers program 2017
- Legal Education Society of Alberta - presented paper titled "Family Farms and the Matrimonial Property Act" at "Family Farm Issues" program 2017
- Instructor (part time) at Red Deer College, Legal Assistant Program, from 2012 to 2018, instructing course "Civil Procedure and the Rules of Court"
- Served as Principal to six students at law between 2000 and 2022
- Instructor Red Deer College, Faculty of Extension, various legal interest courses 1998 to 2011, including residential tenancy and collections courses
- Instructor Red Deer College - Faculty of Business, "Business Law" (1999)
- Instructor Keyano College - Faculty of Business, "Marketing" Course (1986)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- ✓ Completion of on-line course titled "Indigenous Canada" offered by the University of Alberta in April 2020
- ✓ Attended Law Society workshop on February 6, 2020 titled "Year in Review: Professional Regulatory Cases of 2019"
- ✓ Attended Adjudicator Training Programs offered by the Law Society of Alberta in 2018, 2019 and 2020
- ✓ In process of completing the "Brain Certification Course" presented by the Alberta Family Wellness Initiative in 2019 which is designed to address a deeper understanding of brain development and its consequences for lifelong health when dealing with individuals who have had adverse conditions during childhood development
- ✓ Attended adjudication Law Society workshop in January 2019 addressing Charter issues, sexual misconduct in professional regulation, statutory interpretation and a review of the most important professional regulatory cases of 2018
- ✓ Attended "The Significance of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Law Societies, June 2018" presentation for Law Society Benchers
- ✓ Attended adjudication Law Society workshop in March 2018 addressing disciplinary process, types of hearings, principles of procedural fairness, burden of proof, standard of proof, exhibits, motions and ruling, expert evidence, sanctioning, expert evidence and appeals
- ✓ Family Law Advisory Sub-Committee, Law Society of Alberta, committee member from 2013 to 2014

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEER WORK

- Guest presenter on "Title Insurance" - Red Deer Realtor Association April 2020
- Volunteer with Festival of Trees fundraiser for the Red Deer Regional Health Foundation from 2014 to current
- Board member with local Heart and Stroke Foundation Charity Golf Classic - 2014 to 2019

- Run Director with Canadian Cancer Society's annual CIBC Run for the Cure - 2016 to 2018
- Annual presenter on estate planning for the Red Deer Public Teacher's Association from 2000 to 2010
- Board member with Central Alberta Theatre Society -1994 to 2000
- Chair of the Mountview Elementary School Parent Council - 1998 to 2000
- Board member with Red Deer Oldtimers Hockey Association - 2004 to 2010

PERSONAL

Sports and Athletics

- Hockey was, and still is, my passion and playing old timer hockey to this day
- Played Junior B and Senior A teams
- Played bantam and high school football and lacrosse
- Completed five marathons and numerous other adventure races and triathlons

Theatre

- Love of the theatre, both as patron and participant
- Acted in several plays and directed a handful more with the local amateur theatre company

Travel

- Travelled extensively with a keen interest in different cultures and the diverse nature of our humanity