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I am a partner of Witten LLP, an Edmonton-based full-service firm. I have had the privilege of serving as a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta since 2022. I was admitted to the Bar in 1992.

Bencher of Law Society of Alberta (2022 – present):

- 2022 – present: Conduct and practice review appeal panels
- 2022 – present: Disciplinary hearings and appeals
- 2022 – present: Audit and Finance committee
- 2022 – 2023: Lawyer Competence committee
- 2023 – present: Policy and Regulatory Reform committee
- 2023 – present: LSA representative to the University of Alberta Law Faculty Council

Professional Experience – Witten LLP (1991 – present):

- 2010 – 2020: Managing Partner
- 1998 – present: Partner
- 1991 – 1998: Articling Student/Associate

Areas of Practice:

- Commercial real estate transactions, including purchase, sale, leasing, development and financing representing major commercial and institutional real estate entities
- Business acquisitions and dispositions
- Estate and succession advice
- Corporate and governance advice
- Retained by counsel to provide expert evidence on commercial transactions in lawsuits

Education:

- 1987: Bachelor of Arts Specialist in Political Science & History – University of Toronto – Graduated with Distinction
- 1985 – 1986: One-Year Visiting Student – Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 1991: L.L.B. from University of Alberta – Dean’s List

Awards and Recognitions:

- Best Lawyers® Canada:
 - Recognized since 2013 in the areas Commercial Leasing Law and Real Estate Law
 - Recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” for Commercial Leasing Law for the years 2024, 2022, 2020 and 2018
- Canadian Lexpert Directory:
 - Repeatedly recommended for Property Development
 - Repeatedly recommended for Property Leasing

Volunteer - Legal Organizations, Activities:

- Canadian Bar Association:
 - current member, past chair and past executive (as Legislative review chair/presenter of case summaries) of Commercial Property Section
 - past member of the CBA Engagement Task Force
- Legal Education Society of Alberta:
 - Panelist and Chair of several LESA commercial real estate and leasing seminars
 - Bar Admission Course Instructor on Real Estate and Purchase and Sale of Business
- Participant and firm representative at Civil Claims Duty Counsel program
- Guest lecturer to University of Alberta Law students, youth groups and Church groups on Human Rights issues
- *Pro bono* intervenor counsel in two significant Alberta Human Rights’ cases (Vriend and Aryan Nations Inquiry)

Volunteer – Community Involvement:

- 2019 – present: Edmonton Meals on Wheels weekly volunteer driver
- 2000 – present: *Pro bono* counsel to Snow Valley Racing Society
- 1991 – present: *Pro bono* counsel to Our Parents’ Home Society since 1991 and board member since 2014
- Active member, supporter and contributor to United Way, YMCA, Food Bank, Opera, Habitat for Humanity
- 1992 – 2005 and 2018 – 2021: Jewish Federation Board and Executive
- 2018 – 2020: Co-Chair of Edmonton United Jewish Appeal campaign
- 2006 – 2008: Edmonton Talmud Torah Society President
- 1994 – 2000: Executive, National Jewish Congress