

Michael Bates, KC

Ruttan Bates, Barristers and Solicitors

Member of Alberta Bar (2003)

Education

University of Calgary

LLB – (2002; Dean’s List); Master of Teaching Program (1998-1999); BA (Psych) (1998)

University of Saskatchewan

College of Law (1999-2000; Dean’s Letter)

Employment

Ruttan Bates (May 2005 – current)

Partner, criminal trial and appellate litigation, administrative and civil litigation

University of Calgary (2007 – 2010)

Advising Counsel in criminal law at Student Legal Assistance

Scott Hall LLP (2002 – 2005)

Articling Student / Associate - insurance defence, criminal and family litigation

Teaching / Instruction

University of Calgary – Faculty of Law

Law 687 Criminal Justice Clinical – Guest Instructor – Appellate Advocacy (2020 – current)

Law 585 Alberta Court of Appeal Moot – Coach / Instructor (2007 – 2023)

Canadian Bar Association

Implications of Artificial Intelligence for Criminal Law (2026); Supreme Court of Canada Case Review (2024); Developments in Sexual Assault Law (2022); CBA Alberta Law Conference - Criminal/Immigration Law Co-Chair (2014); “Limited Scope Retainers in Criminal Law” - co-author with Jennifer Ruttan (2013)

Legal Education Society of Alberta

Intensive Trial Advocacy (U of C) - Instructor (2009, 2022)

Evidence Law Refresher - Faculty (2014)

Alberta Bar Admission course materials - Criminal Law (2012), *Fair Trading Act* (2012-2017)

Electronic trial demonstration (2004)

Criminal Trial Lawyers' Association / Criminal Defence Lawyers Association

Jury Trial Seminar - Jury Instructions (2023)

Education Seminar - "Police Act and Law Enforcement Review Board Complaints" (2013)

National Judicial Institute / Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges

Self-represented litigants / Costs in criminal proceedings (2009)

Bow Valley High School (2022) / Lester B. Pearson High School (2009)

Youth Criminal Justice seminar

Boards / Committees

Hockey Alberta, Board of Directors (2018-2021; 2022-2025)

Chair of Governance Committee; Board Appeals Committee

Canadian Bar Association (2003 - current)

Executive Member, National Criminal Justice Section (2009-2010; 2022-2023)

Co-Chair, Alberta Criminal Justice (South) Section (2012-2014; 2022-2023)

Agenda for Justice and Advocacy Committee (2016 - 2019)

Access to Justice Committee - Legal Aid Benchmarks Working Group (2018)

Supreme Court of Canada Liaison Committee (2019 - 2021)

Alberta Court of King's Bench

Calgary Criminal Coordinating Committee (2017-2019); Court Management Advisory Committee (2014-2019)

Criminal Trial Lawyers' Association / Criminal Defence Lawyers Association

CDLA - Vice President (2017-2019); Co-Chair, Legal Aid Action Committee; Chair, Policing Committee / CTLA - Policing Committee (2010-2019)

Alberta Justice - Criminal Justice Summit – *R v Jordan* and systemic delays (2017)

Defence bar representative; Legal Aid working group

Cochrane Town Council

Cochrane Environmental Committee (Chair, 2016; Vice-Chair, 2015; Member 2013-2016)

Community Involvement

Epilepsy Association of Southern Alberta; Country Music Alberta; Cochrane Minor Hockey; Hockey Alberta; Royal Canadian Legion