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Elizabeth practiced law as trial counsel for 37 years. Elizabeth gained a broad background in many areas of the law and has a comprehensive understanding of the litigation process. As counsel, Elizabeth participated in hundreds of mediations, representing the interests of her clients. It was with this background that Elizabeth became a strong believer in the benefits of alternate dispute resolution.

Elizabeth began her transition from counsel to mediator in 2018 when she took formal mediation training and commenced dedicating a portion of her practice to mediating disputes. In 2022 Elizabeth left her law practice and joined CMB as a full-time mediator. Elizabeth is delighted to now dedicate all her working time to assisting parties to resolve their disputes through mediation.

Elizabeth's background includes thousands of hours of volunteer time spent on various law-related and community Boards and Committees. Elizabeth was awarded a Canadian Bar Association Community Service Award in recognition of her years of charitable service. As well, for 10 years she volunteered as an adjunct professor at UBC Law School, where she taught Civil Procedure.

Elizabeth's broad legal and experiential background has positioned her well to assist parties in many areas including insurance (life, disability, AD&D, creditor, critical illness, fire, product liability, and occupier's liability), transportation (railway, maritime, and motor vehicle), professional liability, and general contract disputes. In her mediation practice, Elizabeth frequently handles cases involving employment disputes, host liability, medical malpractice, defamation, and sexual assault.

In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys the company of her husband, children and friends; cooking; hosting events; skiing at Whistler in the winter; power boating in the summer; and travelling.

EDUCATION

- 1985 Bachelor of Laws, University of Windsor
- 1986 Called to the B.C. Bar
- 2018 Harvard Law School Executive Programme, "Mediating Disputes," Boston
- 2019 Stitt Feld Handy, "Advanced ADR Workshop," Ottawa

WORK EXPERIENCE

1985 - 1989	Articled Student and Associate	Davis & Company (now DLA Piper LLP)
1989 - 1994	Associate	Russell & DuMoulin (now Fasken LLP)
1994 - 2022	Partner	Fasken LLP
2022 - Current	Mediator	CMB Mediation & Arbitration

ADR-RELATED AFFILIATIONS, ACTIVITIES & RECOGNITION

2011	Appointed Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel)
2020 - 2023	Best Lawyers in Canada, recognized in insurance law
2022	International Academy of Mediators conference attendee, Montreal
2015, 2019, 2021, 2022	Lectured on Mediation at the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association claims conference
2024	International Academy of Mediators conference attendee, Seattle
2025	International Academy of Mediators Conference attendee, Australia
2025	Inducted as a member of the Canadian Academy of Distinguished Neutrals

LAW RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1994 - 1996	Elected Member of the Executive	Vancouver Bar Association
1994 - 2000	Elected Member of Council	Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch
1994 - 2004	Adjunct Professor, Civil Litigation	University of British Columbia Faculty of Law
1999 - 2011	Director, Vice President, President	Canadian Bar Insurance Association
2002 - 2008	Elected Member of Council	Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch
2007 - 2011	Director	Chancery Reinsurance Limited (Barbados)
2009 - 2015	Director, Vice President, President	Canadian Bar Association Financial