

# William G. Horton

BARRISTER ARBITRATOR MEDIATOR

## **Professional Qualifications**

Called to the Bar: Ontario, Canada 1976

Other calls to the Bar (not current): Alberta, New Brunswick

Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours): Osgoode Hall Law School 1974

Bachelor of Arts: Victoria College, University of Toronto 1971

FCIArb: Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 1997

University of Windsor: ADR Workshop 2001

Harvard Law School/PIL: Mediation Workshop, 2004

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators: Fellowship course, Berlin 1996

Chartered Arbitrator: ADR Institute of Canada, 2009

ICC Institute Masterclass for Arbitrators, Paris, June, 2009

Controlled Goods Program registration with the Canadian Controlled Goods Directorate, August 2010

## **Law Firms**

Laskin, Jack, Horton & Harris (partner 1978-1982)

McMillan Binch (articling student and associate 1974-1978 and partner 1982-2000)

Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP (partner 2000-2006)

(Served terms as head of litigation at McMillan Binch and Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP)

**Current Practice** Barrister, Arbitrator, Mediator

## **General Practice Description** (See Case Experience page for details)

Bill Horton has appeared before all levels of courts up to and including the Supreme Court of Canada and has served as both an arbitrator and counsel in commercial arbitrations. Bill has successfully represented clients in significant cases involving business and corporate disputes, fraud, lender liability, international banking disputes, litigation arising from major insolvencies and reorganizations, fiduciary duty and good faith obligations, directors and officers liability, professional liability, insurance and reinsurance disputes, competition offences, defamation, shareholder disputes, class action and injunctive remedies.

## **Professional Associations**

- International Bar Association (past chair of the International Litigation Committee of the Section on Business Law)
- ICC (Member Canadian Exec. Comm. and Arbitration Roster, Member ICC Commission)
- ICDR (Panel Member)
- ADR Institute of Canada (arbitration member, editorial board ADRIIC Journal)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow)
- ADR Chambers (Former member and former Co-Chair ADR Chambers Commercial and International Panels)
- Public Accountants Council (Former Part-time Council Member)
- Arbitration Roundtable of Toronto (Founding Member)
- The Advocates' Society (former director)
- The Law Society of Upper Canada (member, former counsel to Complaints Review Committee)
- International Law Association (former Director, Canadian Branch; Program Co-Chair 2006 Biennial Conference)
- Osgoode Hall Law School (former lecturer in civil procedure, assistant instructor in LLM program)
- NAFTA 2022 Committee (Canadian member)
- British Columbia International Commercial Arbitration Centre (member of the international panel)
- Vis Moot (memorial judge and adjudicator)
- Canadian Bar Association (member)
- Ontario Bar Association (member, former member editorial board "Briefly Speaking"))
- American Bar Association (member)

## **Professional Recognitions**

Bill is recognized in the following recent surveys:

- Lionel J. McGowan Award for Excellence in Dispute Resolution presented by the ADR Institute of Canada, September 23, 2010
- Best Lawyers in Canada 2011: International Arbitration, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Class Action Litigation and Director and Officer Liability.
- 2010 Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada (International Arbitration)
- Best Lawyers in Canada 2010: International Arbitration, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Class Action Litigation and Director and Officer Liability.
- Legal Media Group's 2009 Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration
- 2009/2010 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory: International Commercial Arbitration (Most Frequently Recommended), Also Repeatedly Recommended for Corporate Commercial Litigation, Directors and Officers Liability, Securities Litigation.
- 2009 Who's Who Legal: Commercial Litigation.
- 2009 Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada (International Arbitration)
- Lexpert Guide to Leading US/Canada Cross Border Lawyers (2008) (International Arbitration)
- Peer selection for Best Lawyers in Canada 2009 in four specialties: Corporate & Commercial Litigation, International Arbitration, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Directors & Officer Liability
- 2008 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory: International Commercial Arbitration (Most Frequently Recommended), Corporate Commercial Litigation (Most Frequently Recommended), Directors and Officers Litigation (Repeatedly Recommended), Securities Litigation (Repeatedly Recommended).
- Legal Media Group's Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration 2008
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers Commercial Litigation 2008, published by Law Business Research
- The 2008 Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada (Arbitration and Litigation – Corporate/Commercial)
- Peer selection for Best Lawyers in Canada 2008 in four specialties: Commercial Litigation, International Arbitration, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Director & Officer Liability
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2007, published by Law Business Research – Ten Most Highly Regarded Individuals (Global) in the field of commercial litigation: **"As in previous years, William Horton is the country's most highly nominated litigator. Academically strong and tremendous in the courtroom."**
- Lexpert 2007: Leading US/Canada Cross Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2006, published by Law Business Research – Ten Most Highly Regarded Individuals (Global) in the field of commercial litigation, **"most highly nominated"** and **"a very well known litigator with a tremendously strong reputation."**
- The 2007 Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada (Litigation – Corporate/Commercial)
- Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2006 – Rank 3 (Dispute Resolution: Ontario), **"won praise as an 'incredibly capable, superb lawyer' with an 'excellent court-room presence' to boot."**

- Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2007 – Rank 3 **“recommended as a go-to lawyer for arbitration”**
- Martindale-Hubbell – AV Peer Review Rating (Very High to Pre-eminent), **“shows that a lawyer has reached the height of professional excellence, has usually practiced law for many years, and is recognized for the highest levels of skill and integrity”**

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