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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 1985

Legal Assistant(s): [Heather Bruce](#)

Providing legal services through a professional corporation.

For Geoff's clients, the stakes involved in litigation are quite significant and affect their bottom line. He works with national and multinational commercial insurance companies, building contractors, building suppliers, directors and officers of corporations, pharmaceutical companies, Chartered Banks and regional business interests involved in litigation disputes. Key cases that represent Geoff's commitment to success for his clients include:

- Leading the successful defense of a major Canadian Chartered Bank against multimillion dollar claims of breach of contract, fiduciary duty and related allegations.
- Representing a major Canadian insurer in resisting the constitutional challenge to the auto insurance cap legislation in Nova Scotia.
- Acted on a team that successfully represented the former CEO and Chairman of a publicly listed mining company in a multiparty directors and officers liability case involving over \$100 plus million and other damages.
- Representing a Regional Municipality in the successful defense of a high profile statutory immunity case.
- Representing other leading regional business interests in private alternative dispute proceedings in relation to construction or commercial claims.

Practice Areas

Class Actions

Construction

Corporate Governance

Entertainment

Infrastructure

Insurance

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Media, Advertising & Marketing

Education & Career

Education

Directors Education Program (DEP), Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, 2014

University of New Brunswick, LL.B., 1984

Dalhousie University, B.A. in Economics and Political Science, 1981

Activities

Past Chair, Partnership Board, Stewart McKelvey

Member, Partnership Board, Stewart McKelvey, 2005 to 2020

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Past Chair, Canadian Bar Association Construction Group (Nova Scotia Branch)

Past Editor, Nova Scotia Law News, Construction Law

Past Lecturer (Part time), Commercial Insurance, Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University

Past member, Board of Governors, Halifax Grammar School, 2009 to 2013

Past board member and chair, Governance Committee, Symphony Nova Scotia, 2009 to 2013

Chair, Board of Directors, Halifax Port Authority, 2012 to 2015

Board of Directors, Halifax Port Authority, 2006 to 2015

Vice chair, Board of Directors, Halifax Port Authority, 2008 to 2012

Director, Wildbrain Inc (TSX, NASDAQ)

Chair, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, Wildbrain Inc Media Ltd (TSX, NASDAQ)

Member, Wildbrain Inc Human Resources and Compensation Committee

Member, Wildbrain Inc Special Strategic Review Committee

Member, Board of Directors, Organigram Holdings Inc (OGI: TSX/ NASDAQ)

Chair, Governance and Nominations Committee, Organigram Holdings Inc

Member, Human Resources and Compensation Committee, Organigram Holdings Inc

Strategic Marketing Partner, Stewart McKelvey, 2011 to 2014

Member, Human Resources and Governance Committee, Partnership Board, 2012 to present

President, Board of Governors and Executive Committee, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, 2022 – present

Co-Editor, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers Law Journal, 2014 to present

Graduate, Intensive Directors Education Program (DEP), Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, 2013-2014

Member, Institute of Corporate Directors

Awarded Institute of Corporate Directors ICD.D Designation, November 2015

Speaker and participant in various Director's Governance related programs locally and nationally

Involvement in community charitable endeavours for various organizations including United Way of Halifax, Mental Health

Foundation of Nova Scotia and Arthritis Society of Nova Scotia

Accolades

King's Counsel, 2003

Best Lawyers: Construction Law, 2012 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Insurance Law, 2006, 2008 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Personal Injury Litigation, 2006, 2008 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Product Liability Law, 2013 – 2024

Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Personal Injury) 2012-2014

Benchmark Canada, litigation star – Canada, Product Liability, 2013 – 2014

Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (General Commercial, Insurance, Personal Injury), 2015

Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (Energy and Natural Resources, General Commercial, Insurance, Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury, Product Liability), 2016

Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (General Commercial, Insurance, Product Liability and Recall), 2017 – 2022

Lexpert rating: Construction Law, 2021, 2023 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Litigation – Directors' and Officers' Liability, 2012 – 2023

Lexpert rating: Litigation – Commercial Insurance, 2008 – 2022

Martindale-Hubbell rating: AV Preeminent® (highest peer rating)