

## Frederick McElman, CM, K.C.

### Partner

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Bar Admission(s): New Brunswick, 1978

Legal Assistant(s): [Francine Bradbury](#), [Janie Gaudet](#), [Wendy Ebbett](#)

Working with a diverse group of clients which include government and quasi-government bodies, professional associations, boards of directors, construction firms, vendors and purchasers of businesses, some of the examples of the services Fred has performed for his clients include:

- Obtained largest costs award in a New Brunswick trial decision for client in major construction case
- Acting as legal counsel to a high profile advisory board appointed to give strategic advice to the lenders and creditors of a large industrial/construction venture.
- Drafting and guiding private acts through the legislative process for 10 professional associations.
- Acting as counsel to receivers and trustees on significant insolvency cases.
- Serving as litigation counsel in the successful defence of a \$48 million legal action involving the largest private construction project in the province.

## Practice Areas

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Aboriginal Rights

Banking & Financing

Bankruptcy, Receivership & Insolvency

Commercial Transactions/Agreements

Construction

Corporate Formation/Reorganization

Intellectual Property

Labour & Employment  
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Professional Regulation & Misconduct

## Education & Career

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### Education

Harvard University, LL.M., 1979  
University of New Brunswick, LL.B., 1978  
University of New Brunswick, B.B.A., 1972

### Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association  
Member, Order of Canada  
Governor, Lifesaving Society New Brunswick  
Former Chair, Plan International Inc.

### Accolades

King's Counsel, 2006  
Recipient, Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, 2022  
Best Lawyers: Banking and Finance, 2012-2024  
Best Lawyers: Intellectual Property Law, 2012, 2014-2022  
Recipient, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012  
Lexpert rating: Banking & Financial Institutions, 2008 – 2022, 2024  
Lexpert rating: Corporate Commercial Law, 2011 – 2024  
Lexpert rating: Litigation – Directors' and Officers' Liability, 2011 – 2024  
Lexpert rating: Intellectual Property, 2010 – 2022  
Lexpert rating: Litigation – Corporate Commercial, 2018 – 2024  
Lexpert rating: Computer & IT Law, 2008 – 2012  
Martindale-Hubbell rating: BV Distinguished®

## Presentations

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Frequent presentations to professional associations and boards on effective governance, regulatory matters and professional discipline.