

# DEBORAH C. ANSHELL

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the **Law Society of British Columbia** on August 27, 1993

Admitted to the **Law Society of Upper Canada** on June 26, 1987

Admitted to the **Law Society of Alberta** on August 19, 1983

## EDUCATION

OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL, York University, Toronto, Ontario 1996-1998  
LL.M. in Alternative Dispute Resolution received in 1998 - *Overall average: A*

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Faculty of Law, Toronto, Ontario 1979-1982  
LL.B. received in 1982 - *Overall average: B*

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, Calgary, Alberta 1977-1979  
Completed two years of Political Science - *Overall average: A*

## EXPERIENCE

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**ADR CHAMBERS, TORONTO** **Current**

### **Mediator and Arbitrator**

*Civil and commercial dispute resolution.*

- Conduct mediations and arbitrations with respect to a wide variety of civil cases.

**AEGON CANADA, TORONTO** **2008-2009**

### **Assistant General Counsel (Contract)**

*Supporting a variety of business units in the head office of Canadian life insurance company.*

- Draft, interpret and revise commercial and policy contracts.
- Review and draft sensitive correspondence.
- Research and draft legal memoranda and advise on relevant industry legislation.
- Provide legal advice to various departments in organization.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE, SMALL CLAIMS COURT, TORONTO** **2006 – 2009**

**Deputy Judge**

- Conduct Small Claims trials and preside at Settlement Conferences.

**LAWYERS' PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY, TORONTO** **2006 - 2008**

**Claims Counsel**

*Investigating, evaluating and resolving errors and omissions claims against lawyers.*

- Interacted with insured members in the handling of individual claims.
- Guided legal counsel and other professionals in connection with claims resolution.

**PRIVATE MEDIATION PRACTICE, TORONTO** **2002-2006**

**Mediator**

*Civil and Commercial Dispute Resolution*

- Facilitated settlement of complex civil cases.
- Subject matters included insurance claims (disability, life, subrogation, occupiers' liability, fidelity bonds, motor vehicle, property and casualty), employment litigation, insolvency files, and corporate/commercial litigation.

**MANULIFE FINANCIAL, TORONTO** **1989-2002**

**Assistant Vice-President and Senior Counsel, 1997-2002**

**Assistant Vice-President and Counsel, 1994-1997**

*Responsible for administering, controlling and directing in-house counsel on a nationwide basis.*

- Ensured cost effective and efficient control of several hundred litigation files.
- Handled a personal portfolio of insurance litigation files in three provincial jurisdictions.
- Established procedures and guidelines for handling of litigation files.
- Directed, guided and provided legal assistance and advice to regional claims offices.
- Liaised with executives and senior management in Manulife Financial organization.
- Recruited, managed, and trained legal staff.

**Associate Counsel, 1989-1994**

*(While at Confederation Life Insurance Company, in a division subsequently acquired by Manulife Financial)*

*Litigation practice in 14-lawyer full service legal department. Areas of civil litigation included insurance litigation, complex commercial and corporate litigation matters, foreclosure actions, construction lien cases and employment law.*

- Completed all aspects of litigation in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario.
- Managed litigation in other Canadian jurisdictions.

- Responsible for pleadings, motions practice, discovery, settlement negotiations and trial advocacy.

**GLUCKSTEIN NEINSTEIN, BARRISTERS-AT-LAW, TORONTO** **1988-1989**  
**Associate**

*Practice specializing in personal injury litigation.*

- Responsible for full range of personal injury cases.
- Completed all aspects of discovery; drafting and argument for motions practice; trial preparation; appellate factum writing and oral argument; pre-trial negotiations.
- Appeared before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal.

**DUDELZAK & LANDRY, BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS, CALGARY** **1982-1988**  
**Associate**

*Civil litigation practice, trial and appellate levels.*

- Completed 12 months of articling program and practiced for five years as a litigation lawyer. Areas of civil litigation included commercial litigation, insolvency litigation, foreclosure actions, personal injury claims, security enforcement, employment and labour law.

**ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES**

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Member, Continuing Legal Education Committee, Ontario Bar Association	2008-2010
Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Ontario Bar Association	2007-2008
Vice-Chair, Lawyers Division, 2008 UJA Campaign	2007-2009
Campaign Cabinet, The Spirit of Hope Benefit, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies	2008-2009
Organizing Committee Member, The Roger Fisher Tribute	2007
Vice-Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Ontario Bar Association	2006-2007
Roster Mediator, Ontario Mandatory Mediation Program	1998-2006
Program Coordinator, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Ontario Bar Association	2005-2006
Newsletter Editor, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Ontario Bar Association	2002-2005
Member of Executive, Corporate Counsel Section, Ontario Bar Association	1990-2007
Volunteer Leader, Toronto Chapter Council, Advocacy, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario	2004-2006
Volunteer Speaker, Words on Work Program, The Learning Partnership	2001-2008
Volunteer, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Eating Assistance Program	2000-2002

Roster Arbitrator, Financial Services Commission of Ontario	1997-1998
Member, Canadian Jewish Congress, Political Liaison Committee	1993-1998
Contributing Editor, Carswell Practice Cases, Third Series	1991-1996
Director, Metropolitan Toronto Condominium Corporation No. 916	1992-1995

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Case Digests, “ <i>The Annotated British Columbia Human Rights Code</i> ”	2005-2006
“Case Digest – <i>Rudd v. Trossacs Investments Inc.</i> ”, The Lawyers Weekly	2006
“Case Digest – <i>Rudd v. Trossacs Investments Inc.</i> ”, Alternative Dispute Resolution Newsletter	2005
“Book Review – <i>The Conflict Resolution Toolbox</i> , by Gary T. Furlong”, Alternative Dispute Resolution Newsletter	2005
“Rogacki Decision a Wake-up Call for ADR Practitioners”, The Lawyers Weekly	2004
“Decision Clarifies Scheduling of Mandatory Mediations”, The Lawyers Weekly	2003
“Case Digest – <i>Davidson v. Richman</i> ”, Alternative Dispute Resolution Newsletter	2003

## **COURSES, SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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Ontario Bar Association, An Evening with the Honourable Warren K. Winkler, Chief Justice of Ontario, Co-Chair	2008
Ontario Bar Association 2008 Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Mediation and Pre-Trial: Practical Tips and Strategies – Speaker	2008
Ontario Bar Association/ADR Institute of Ontario – Mandatory or Voluntary Mediation - Speaker	2007
Ontario Bar Association, The Third Annual Great Debate Are Judges Better Mediators – Co-Chair	2007

Ontario Bar Association, ADR Breakfast Meeting, Opening Statements in Mediation - Chair	2007
Ontario Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education, Insurance Law: Prognosis Guarded, Mediating Disability Claims - Speaker	2006
Ontario Bar Association, ADR Breakfast Meeting, Mediating Disability Disputes – Co-Chair and Panellist	2005
Ontario Bar Association, Corporate Counsel: The Crisis in Corporate Governance in Canada – Co-Chair	2005
Ontario Bar Association, Operation Update 2004 – Featured Speaker	2004
Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional Development Program, Insurance Practice: Maximizing the Use of ADR to Resolve Disputes – Faculty	2004
Ontario Bar Association, ADR Breakfast Meeting, Bill 198 Mediation – Co-Chair	2003
Ontario Bar Association, Corporate Counsel, An Evening with John Tory - Co-Chair	2003
Ontario Bar Association, Corporate Counsel, Business Ethics, Corporate Governance, and the Implications for Canadian Corporations – Co-Chair	2002
Ontario Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Program, Emerging Litigation Issues for In-house Counsel – Speaker	2001
Ontario Bar Association, Corporate Counsel, An Evening with Author Stevie Cameron – Co-Chair	1999
ADR Institute of Canada, Inc., Gold Standard ADR, Employment ADR – Speaker	2005
Canadian Institute, Litigating Disability Insurance Claims – Speaker	2009
Canadian Institute, Litigating Disability Insurance Claims – Speaker	2008
Canadian Institute, Litigating Disability Insurance Claims – Speaker	2006

Canadian Institute, Implementing the Personal Health Information Protection Act – Speaker	2006
Canadian Institute, 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Litigating Disability Insurance Claims – Co-Chair	2005
Canadian Institute, Managing Disability Insurance Claims – Course Leader	2002
Canadian Institute, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Litigating Disability Insurance Claims – Co-Chair	2001
Canadian Institute, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Litigating Disability Insurance Claims – Speaker	2000
Canadian Institute, Litigating Disability Insurance Claims – Speaker	1999