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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Automotive | Construction and Infrastructure | Major Projects | Municipal, Planning & Land Development | Transportation & Logistics

EXPERTISE

Commercial Litigation | Products Liability | Shareholders Disputes | Construction Litigation | Insurance Defence

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Alberta, 1991

Northwest Territories, 1994

Nunavut, 1999

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Laws, University of Alberta Faculty of Law, 1990; Dean's List in second year, with third year as a visiting student at the University of Manitoba – Faculty of Law; received the Rogers Bereskin & Parr prize in Intellectual Property for the highest mark in Intellectual Property
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Manitoba, 1987; Major in Political Studies and minor in Canadian History; Dean's List standing in third and fourth years

Michael Kirk, K.C., is an experienced litigator who has worked with multi-national, national and local clients in a wide variety of areas. With experience in product liability defence, construction, insurance matters, and more, Michael's strategic counsel spans various areas including administrative law, estate litigation, and shareholder disputes. As a former senior counsel in a major Canadian telecommunications company and western region counsel for Canada's largest railway, Michael brings a wealth of experience to the table.

Michael's commitment extends beyond the courtroom, with active involvement in community service. He currently holds the position of President of the Board of Edmonton Meals on Wheels and is a past board member at Triathlon Alberta. Michael's dedication to both legal excellence and community betterment showcases his well-rounded approach to life and law.

Michael actively engages in legal education and professional development, including at the Canadian Bar Association and the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, where he co-teaches a course on trial advocacy. His continuous commitment to legal education and advocacy reflects his passion for empowering others in the legal field.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- King's Counsel, 2024
- Member of Section Executive, CBA Administrative Law North, 2020
- Member of Section Executive, CBA Civil Litigation North, 2017 – 2019
- Evaluator or Oral Advocacy, Negotiations and Client Interviewing, CPLED Course (Bar Admission), 2015 – 2019
- Member, CBA Agenda for Justice Committee, 2016 – 2018
- Provincial Council Member, CBA Alberta, 2016 – 2017

Thought leadership

- Speaker, "A Civil Procedure and Rules of Court Refresher: How to become a better litigator," Canadian Bar Association Young Lawyers Webinar, March 13, 2023
- Presenter, ACTLA Advocacy Seminar, 2022
- Sessional Lecturer, University of Alberta Faculty of Law, Trial Advocacy
- Presenter with members of the Bench, 2019 CBA Inns of Courts program on "Practical tips of efficient and effective litigation."

Community roles

- President, Edmonton Meals on Wheels Board of Directors, 2017 – Present
- President and Team Volunteer, Fastball St. Albert, 2008 – 2018
- Board Member, St. Albert Ringette, 2010 – 2012
- City of St. Albert Unsung Hero Award Recipient, 2014
- Participant in Fundraising and Volunteering for ALS Society, MS Society, United Way and Habitat for Humanity, Present
- Board Member and President, Kara Family Support Centre Society (now Kara Family Resource Centre), 1997 – 2000
- Board Member, Triathlon Alberta, 2018

Memberships & affiliations

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Law Society of Northwest Territories
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Advocates Society