

Resume

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Personal Overview:

Accomplished senior mediator, facilitator and educator with excellent relationship skills and the ability to manage resolution of complex controversial issues. Over twenty years experience in mediating municipal, regulatory, energy, stakeholder engagement, tribunal and agriculture issues. Trained in risk communication.

Mediation & Other Experience:

- Mediation and facilitation for municipal, energy, board, land planning and workplace issues. Specific project experience supplied upon request.
- Facilitating boards and councils to establish clarity in operational and governance roles.
- Working knowledge and experience in rural and urban communities throughout the province.
- Teaching interest based negotiation and conflict management skills and processes (University of Calgary, Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society and private clients)
- Design, development and leadership of stakeholder projects
- Facilitating strategic planning and retreats
- Leading groups in team and relationship building
- Tribunal and adjudicative processes including chairing hearings and decision writing.
- Design of organizational mediation programs integrating appropriate dispute resolution with existing regulatory frameworks(ERCB and NEB)
- Facilitation of public projects involving the discussion and resolution of contentious issues with potentially hostile participants.

Board and Tribunal Experience:

Natural Resources Conservation Board. Board Member. 2008 -2010
Alberta Municipal Government Board: 1993-1996.
Federal Farm Debt Review Board: 1986 – 1998.
Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Staffing Tribunal: 2003-2004
Alberta Cattle Commission Delegate: 1983-1986

Education:

Certificate in Conflict Resolution, Justice Institute of British Columbia
Certified General Accountants Program. Level II
Masters in Administration: Carleton University, Ottawa.
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture: University of Manitoba. Dean's List

Professional development:

Administrative Justice, Foundation of Administrative Justice, Edmonton
Fundamentals of Governance, Queens School of Business (2009)
Risk Communication: Covello, Peter Sandman , (2007)
The Petroleum Industry in Canada: Petroleum Industry Training Service (2004)
Public Engagement Design: International Association of Public Participation (2004)
Project Management: University of Calgary (2003)
'Excellence in Facilitation': Leaderships Strategies, Seattle Washington (2003)

Memberships and Designations:

Chartered Mediator: Awarded (1998) by the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Canada
Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society (since 1992)
International Association of Public Participation (since 2004)
Foothills Land Trust, Board Member (2006 – 2010)
MD Foothills, MDP Steering Committee (2008 – 2010)

References:

Current references available and will be supplied upon request.