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Arbitration/Mediation/Property Law



Elaine T. McCormack an experienced arbitrator, mediator, lawyer and educator.

During her legal practice spanning nearly three decades, Elaine T. McCormack has worked with parties to reach the resolution of disputes in matters that are legally complex and often emotionally taxing for the parties.

Her practice has focused on matters involving strata corporations, and matters involving legal and beneficial interests in land.

Ms. McCormack is also experienced in personal injury and vehicle damage matters.

She understands the importance of expert evidence and is adept at understanding reports prepared by various professionals, including engineers, accountants, appraisers, actuaries and doctors.

## **Arbitrations**

Ms. McCormack is a Chartered Arbitrator with the ADR Institute of Canada.

As an arbitrator, Ms. McCormack uses her ability to focus in on the relevant facts and take in the legal submissions honed from decades in practice. She applies her experience in educating non-lawyers about legal principles when writing awards. Whenever it is appropriate to do so, Ms. McCormack releases written awards that deal with complex legal issues using plain language.

Ms. McCormack has rendered various awards regarding the Strata Property Act, including matters concerning bylaw enforcement, use of property, rentals, rental pools, and allocation of costs between sections.

Ms. McCormack has served as an arbitrator on a variety of other disputes, including personal injury and motor vehicle damage claims.

## **Mediations**

Ms. McCormack is a Civil Roster Mediator with Mediate BC. and holds a Q. Med designation with the ADR Institute of Canada.

In mediations, Ms. McCormack has a unique ability to express measured empathy for the participants and help the parties focus in on what is critical for the participants to reach a lasting settlement.

She has mediated disputes involving a variety of matters including legal nuisance, allocation of costs between strata corporations and sections and beneficial and legal property ownership.

## **Adjudications**

Ms. McCormack serves as an adjudicator for Empty Homes Tax matters involving the City of Vancouver.

## **Ongoing Designations – Year Obtained**

1988 BA in English and Law and the Liberal Arts, University of Calgary

1992 JD from Allard School of Law

1993 Admitted to Law Society of British Columbia as a practicing member

1998 C. Arb. from ADR Institute of Canada

2012 RRM with Mediate BC

2014 Q. Med from ADR Institute of Canada

## **Instructing**

Ms. McCormack is an author and instructor for the British Columbia Financial Services Authority and provides ongoing professional education for strata managers in the Province of British Columbia.

For decades, she has been a frequent instructor for the Condominium Homeowner's Association and the Professional Association of Managing Agents.

Ms. McCormack is a coach for the ADR Institute of BC Arbitration Courses

She has enjoyed being a guest instructor for the mediation portion of the Professional Legal Training Course for articling students provided by the Law Society of BC.

## **Volunteer**

Ms. McCormack served for many years as a member of the British Columbia Law Institute Committee that recommended changes to the Strata Property Act to the Provincial Government of BC, many of which were implemented.

In 2016 Ms McCormack chaired a disciplinary committee that rendered a decision on a Mediate BC matter.

## **Personal**

Ms. McCormack enjoys living in the moment, including sharing meals and travelling with family and friends, long distance running, master's swimming, cycling and strength training.