

Bid Protest Dispute Mechanism Arbiters

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Jeffrey Thomas

Jeffrey Thomas is Partner of Borden Lader Gervais LLP in the Vancouver office. Mr. Thomas has extensive experience providing legal advice in the context of large, complex, multi-party negotiations, as well as within competition law and trade and investment law. His practice is primarily in international and domestic trade law. Mr. Thomas' experience is in inter-governmental negotiations relating to trade and investment; trade and investment dispute settlement; national trade and investment laws; trade and investment policy; and foreign investment and the international sale of goods and services. Active in his community, he was Chair of the British Columbia Wine Authority.

Mr. Thomas holds a Master of Laws from the University of Toronto, a Bachelor of Laws from Osgood Hall Law School at York University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economic Geography from the University of British Columbia.

Robert Deane

Robert Deane is a Partner with Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, based in Vancouver, Canada. Mr. Deane is the National Leader of the Firm's International Trade and Arbitration Group, and an Elected Member of the Firm's Partnership Board (the Firm's governing body). Active in his community, he is an Elected Member of the Board of Directors of Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Previously, Mr. Deane was President of the Vancouver – Lower Mainland Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Victoria and a Bachelor of Arts from Simon Fraser University.

Carlos Garcia

Carlos Garcia is an Independent Lawyer. Previously Mr. Garcia was Staff Lawyer for the Legal Services Society of BC. Active in his community, he is a Canadian Representative on the Joint Submission Committee: Canada-Chile Agreement on Environmental Cooperation. Previously, Mr. Garcia was a Member of the Employment and Assistance Appeal Tribunal and a Volunteer Lawyer for the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project.

He holds a Master of Laws in International Trade Law from the University of Arizona and a Juris Doctor from the University of British Columbia.

Sarah McEachern

Sarah McEachern is a Partner with Borden Ladner Gervais' (BLG) Vancouver office and her practice is in commercial and construction dispute resolution through litigation and arbitration. Ms. McEachern is also the Regional Group Manager of Disputes for Commercial and Construction for BLG's Vancouver office. Active in her community, she is Editorial Board Member of Commercial Litigation and Arbitration Review and an Advisory Board Member of Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners. Ms. McEachern is also a Steering Committee Member of the International Bar Association. Previously, she was a Steering Committee Member of Youth Attorneys in Dispute Resolution and a Regional Co-Representative for the Young International Arbitration Group.

Ms. McEachern holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Victoria.

Laura Cundari

Laura Cundari is a Dispute Resolution Partner at Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP. Active in her community, Ms. Cundari is a Director with BalletBC, Vancouver International Arbitration Centre and Can Arb Week. She is a Director for the Canada Branch of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Previously, Ms. Cundari was Chair of Touchstone Theatre Society and on the Executive Committee of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for the BC – Yukon Region. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Ms. Cundari holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Victoria and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Political Science from the University of British Columbia.

ALBERTA

Lorne Dennis

Mr. Dennis has served as CEO, COO, and CFO in a diverse cross-section of Public and Private Sector organizations. He has recently become the Owner and Managing Broker of Locke Real Estate, Locke Property Management, and Fast-Track Construction. He remains actively engaged in consulting, analysis, and fairness monitor roles relating to Contracting, Procurement, Logistics, and Supply Chain operations. Mr. Dennis has over 35 years of procurement-related business experience, including 6 years heading Procurement Services for the Government of Alberta. He has contributed to numerous Supply Chain articles, textbooks, and educational programs, as well as being a common 'guest lecturer' in the Supply Chain Management Professional (SCMP) development program.

Mary-Kay Brook

Mary-Kay Brook, QC, is a retired Government of Alberta lawyer of 35 years, and was born, raised, and educated in Edmonton. As a lawyer she was General Counsel for the Alberta Liquor Control Board (now Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission) for 12 years then moved to a senior position at Alberta Justice. When Ms. Brook retired in 2015, she was a Director in Civil Law, leading a team of 25 lawyers, practicing in six areas of law.

Her practice was primarily in the areas of administrative, employment, and trade law. Files involved negotiating and settling agreements, public policy, mediating and settling disputes, advising administrative tribunals, and crafting legislation. In 2017, Ms. Brook was appointed to both the Alberta Surface Rights and Land Compensation Boards. She was appointed to the new Land and Property Rights Board in June 2021. Ms. Brook has been a Government of Alberta appointee on the roster of arbiters under NWPTA, since her retirement in 2015. She has served on many community and church boards and as a volunteer for Habitat and an orphanage in Tanzania.

Shauna Finlay

Shauna practices administrative law in the areas of professional and regulatory compliance, municipal taxation and assessment, environment, and municipal law. She also practices in the area of bankruptcy and insolvency law. She is a Qualified Arbitrator. In this role, her experience in administrative law and decision-making is invaluable.

Shawn Robbins

Mr. Robbins is the former Chief Negotiator and Internal Trade Representative for the Government of Alberta on matters relating to:

- 2017 Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)
- 2010 New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA)
- 2006 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)

He has 36 years of service with the Government of Alberta holding numerous positions and roles including procurement and trade policy, in particular the expansion of the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) to Alberta's municipal, academic, school board and health sectors.

Shawna Vogel

Shawna Vogel is the Chief Legal Officer of the Katz Group, one of North America's leading privately owned enterprises and oversees all legal, regulatory and insurance risk matters of the Katz Group. Prior to joining the Katz Group, Shawna was a partner in Dentons Canada LLP in Edmonton. In 2016, she served as the Presiding Member (Chair) of the Dentons Canada Board and a Global Vice Chair. For over 35 years, Shawna's practice has focused on mergers and acquisitions, sports law, corporate reorganizations, financing, and international trade. She has represented industry and governments in disputes under Canadian and multilateral trade agreements and has been a panelist in two Canada-US NAFTA trade disputes.

SASKATCHEWAN

Cory Furman, Q.C.

Cory Furman, Q.C. is the principal of Furman IP Law and Strategy PC, in Regina, Saskatchewan. Mr. Furman's experience includes acting in significant multiparty and multi-jurisdictional international legal disputes related to technology transfer and intellectual property matters touching on competition and trade issues, as well as advising related to restraint/import restriction matters before international bodies including the International Trade Commission. In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Furman is active as a certified corporate director - he holds his Chartered Director (C.Dir.) Designation from McMaster University and has diverse corporate governance experience in Crown, corporate and not-for-profit environments including acting as the Chair of Creative Saskatchewan for a number of years.

Mr. Furman holds his Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (Political Studies) from the University of Saskatchewan.

The Honourable William Vancise

William Vancise was appointed a judge of Saskatchewan's Court of Queen's Bench in 1982 and was elevated to the Court of Appeal in 1983. He is the founder and first president of the National Judicial Counselling Programme. He was appointed Chairman of the Copyright Board of Canada in 2004. Mr. Vancise retired in 2013.

MANITOBA

Ronald Perozzo, Q.C.

- Retired lawyer, formerly Officer of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba (Part-time) including Conflict of Interest Commissioner; Manitoba Deputy Minister of Justice, Manitoba Deputy Attorney General, Principal, Perozzo Consulting, Manitoba Civil Legal Services Counsel; Manitoba Dispute Resolution Roster Panellist for the Agreement on Internal Trade
- Counsel with extensive government, management and private industry experience

Rénauld Rémillard Ph.D

- Executive Director, Centre canadien de français juridique inc. and Fédération des associations de juristes d'expression française de common law du Canada inc., Manitoba Dispute Resolution Roster Panellist for the Agreement on Internal Trade
- Bilingual (French/English), expertise in public administration, arbitration and mediation

Edward Tyrchniewicz, Ph.D

- Retired; formerly Associate Dean, Asper School of Business, University of Manitoba, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Alberta, Manitoba Dispute Resolution Panellist Roster for the Agreement on Internal Trade
- Various agriculture policy consulting and advisory assignments for federal and provincial governments and international agencies

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- Retired lawyer; Partner, Corporate, Commercial & Intellectual Property Law, Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson LLP, National President of the Canadian Bar Association, Manitoba Dispute Resolution Roster Panellist for the Agreement on Internal Trade
- A bilingual (French/English), retired legal professional with over 28 years expertise in providing guidance in practice area to clients and through other lawyers
- Small and medium corporations with respect to their various legal needs in the areas of corporate and commercial law, and corporations with respect to trademarks and other intellectual property needs.