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Real Estate Lawyers Association - Nova Scotia

2020 CONFERENCE

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BIOGRAPHIES OF PRESENTERS

BRIAN CHURCH, Q.C.

Mr. Church is a dedicated member of the legal community in Halifax and has worked with Walker Dunlop for over 25 years. He leads a general legal practice including: civil and criminal litigation, real estate, family law and provides services such as incorporations, wills, probate and conflict resolution.

Since 1973 Mr. Church has practiced in a variety of partnerships in Nova Scotia, including: Randall, McNeil, Church and Doucet & Associates. He has also served as in-house legal counsel for the City of Halifax's Legal Department, the Industrial Development Corporation, and CP Limited in Calgary. He taught Civil Procedure Workshops at Dalhousie University Law School for ten years. Mr. Church graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB '69) and Bachelor of Arts (BA '66) from the University of New Brunswick where he was President of Law Student's Society. He was called to Alberta Bar in 1970 and the Nova Scotia Bar in 1972.

He was appointed as Queen's Counsel (QC) in 1986 and has been active on various committees of both the Nova Scotia Bar

Association and the Canadian Bar Association.

Outside of his legal practice, Brian is active on poverty issues in Halifax. He has served as Chairman of Hope Cottage, as a Board member with Chalice – an international charitable organization, and as a steadfast volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He is the past Chairman of St. Vincent's Guest House and a former Board member of the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Church volunteered as a soccer coach and Scout leader for over 25 years. He and his wonderful wife Patricia are parents to four grown children and grandparents of five.

KEVIN KILEY

Kevin Kiley is the firm's Managing Partner. He is a leading commercial litigator with a broad practice focused on obtaining results for our clients wherever their issues arise.

He provides strategic advice and representation to businesses of all sizes in a variety of commercial disputes. He acts for

financial institutions in matters involving the enforcement of commercial claims and the provision of advice regarding insolvency related matters. Kevin advises investment dealers and advisors in regulatory and securities industry matters including defending claims from individual clients and representation before provincial securities commissions, the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada and the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada.

Kevin also represents contractors, sub-contractors, construction managers and owners in construction matters such as claims for delay, defective work, mechanics' liens, deficiencies, inadequate design and negligent representation.

ROB MCCLEAVE

Rob McCleave is a staff lawyer with the Barristers' Society, where he provides legal services support to lawyers. He practiced in medium, small and solo settings for 22 years, including real estate. Rob then did other things including being a chief of staff for a provincial political leader. Then he took a sabbatical in Scotland as a prelude to going pro as a fine furniture & urn maker, which he still does while he and Joanne raise their kids in bear-infested yet mayflower-scented woods.

MATT CONRAD

Matt lives in Dartmouth with his wife, four children and his best friend, Crosby. He is an avid sports fan. He continues to survive decades-long droughts by his beloved Bulls and 49ers by basking in the glory of the Alabama Crimson Tide. For enjoyment, he spends time with his favourite little girl, watches sports, and walks his dog. To torture himself, he goes to the golf course to argue with his buddies.

Matt Conrad grew up in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He attended Queen Elizabeth High School where he played basketball, football and slowly made his way around the track. After high school, Matt attended Acadia University where he led the nation in shooting percentage at 100% (1 for 1). Faced with spending a winter in Alberta, Matt went to law school in Australia at Bond University where he received his Juris Doctor in 2008. Upon returning to Canada, Matt obtained a certificate from the National Committee for Accreditation. He then articulated before being called to the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society in Nova Scotia. After three years of practicing civil litigation at a large firm in Dartmouth, Matt pursued his dream of running his own firm.

Matt's true passion is helping people that find themselves in unfortunate circumstances. Everyone deserves somebody in their corner. He considers it a privilege to be a lawyer and an honour to represent people in our justice system. He knows of no greater compliment than someone trusting him with their biggest problems.

RICK DUNLOP

Rick works with clients such as construction companies, radio companies, government, food services companies, international organizations, trucking companies, finance companies and power companies. He has appeared before all levels of Court in the province and labour and employment related tribunals, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada.

RYAN BAXTER

Ryan's practice is primarily focused in the areas of health law and the regulation of professions, extending to administrative, litigation, and property tax assessment matters.

As general counsel to a number of regulators, Ryan provides opinions on professional conduct processes, including investigations, complaints and discipline, and is often involved in the drafting and interpretation of governing legislation, regulations, by-laws and policies. He also provides advice with respect to Board governance and Board members' fiduciary responsibilities. Additionally, Ryan presents and offers training on professional conduct processes and other important aspects of self-regulation.

Further demonstrating his expertise, Ryan recently assisted in the development of the regulatory framework for a new professional health regulator, providing support with the drafting of by-laws and acting as general counsel. He also has a unique perspective of regulators' internal operations, having recently worked in-house on a secondment basis with a leading health regulator.

Ryan is the Chair of the Canadian Bar Association-Nova Scotia Health Law Section. Ryan also adjudicates matters as a member of the Review Board under the *Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act* and the Motor Vehicle Appeal Board. He is an engaged participant in McInnes Cooper's pro-bono, collective social responsibility, and diversity and inclusion efforts.

Ryan is a published author, having most recently co-authored a chapter entitled "Regulation of Dental Professionals" in the third edition of the leading Canadian dentistry text *Dental Law in Canada*, LexisNexis, 2019.

An avid world explorer, Ryan has volunteered with the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and interned with an HIV/AIDS NGO in Swaziland, Africa. Most recently, he spent a month in Mongolia, providing training and advising on human resources issues. Ryan has lived on four continents and travelled to over 35 countries.

LAURA GILROY

Laura graduated from the NSCC in Truro, Saint Mary's University and recently completed the requirements to become a Chartered Professional Accountant. She joined the Accounting team at BOYNECLARKE LLP in 2013 and helps to support one of the largest full-service law firms in Atlantic Canada.

KATE SHEWAN

Kate Shewan is the Director of Finance and Administration at the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. As part of this role, Kate is responsible for the Society's Trust Assurance Team. The Trust Assurance team oversees the operation of Lawyers Trust Accounts in order to protect the public interest and to support members.

TANYA BUTLER

Tanya Butler is an associate in the Halifax office of Cox & Palmer. She practices exclusively in the area of trusts and estates, including all aspects of estate and incapacity planning, probate and administration, and estate and capacity litigation.

Tanya holds the designation of TEP (Trusts and Estate Practitioner) from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners. She is a present chair of the Nova Scotia Elder Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association, sits on the executive board of STEP Atlantic, and a member of the NSBS/LIANS Wills, Powers of Attorney and Personal Directives Practice Standard Committee. She is also past chair of the CBA-NS Wills, Estates & Trusts Section, has served as a lecturer at the CBA National Will, Estate and Trust Fundamentals Course for Estate Practitioners, and has sat on the Steering Committee for the Cambridge

Forums Estates & Trusts Practitioners Forum.

Tanya is originally from the Annapolis Valley. She obtained her Master's degree at Acadia University, followed by her Ph.D. at Queen's University, before studying law at the University of New Brunswick. In her spare time she is an indifferent runner and a persistent yoga enthusiast.

BERNADINE MACAULAY

Bernadine MacAulay is General Counsel to the NSBS. She started in this new role in January of 2019. Prior to that she practiced as a sole practitioner, as General Counsel to large family operated NS business, as employment lawyer at McInnes Cooper, as a general practitioner in a medium size firm in Sackville NS.

ELAINE CUMMING

Elaine Cumming graduated from Dalhousie University with an LLB and a Specialization in Health Law and Policy in 2001. Following graduation, she articulated with a boutique litigation firm in Halifax, and continued there as an associate practicing primarily in the areas of personal injury and criminal defence. She left private practice to join the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society in 2004. Elaine acts as in-house counsel to the Society and is responsible for the development and implementation of best practices, legislative drafting, ethics education and administration of the Fitness to Practise program.

Elaine serves on a number of National committees and working groups, including the Standing Committee on the Model Code of Professional Conduct and Anti-Money Laundering Working Group.

LAWRENCE RUBIN

Originally from Moncton N.B., Lawrence received a B.Sc. from Dal in 1986, his law degree from U.N.B. in 1989 and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1991 and Nova Scotia in 2017. From 1996 until returning to Halifax to take on his current role as LIANS' Director in 2017, he practiced in-house with various insurers including specialty lines insurers, general insurers and a Lloyds MGA. His practice included specialty claims, underwriting and policy drafting as well as transactional, governance, licensing, regulatory and board work. More details is available on his LinkedIn profile.

IAN MACLEAN, Q.C.

Ian MacLean has practiced from his office in the Town of Pictou since 1978. Although engaged in a general practice in the early years, he developed expertise and a focus upon real estate law, and now provides service in the real estate field throughout the Province.

Throughout the years Ian built an experienced, dedicated and highly competent team of co-workers, consisting of a Title Searcher, Real Estate Assistants and Legal Assistants.

With the introduction of the Land Registration Act requiring migration of property titles into the electronic registry system, and the various changes associated with such implementation, Ian took on the role of training lawyers and support staff throughout the Province during the period from 2003-2005. He was then appointed an Auditor with the mandate of reviewing certain work carried out by other lawyers. He continues to perform this function.

For the past number of years Ian has presented extensively at continuing professional development conferences including those hosted by the Real Estate

Lawyers Association of Nova Scotia, the Canadian Bar Association and various County Bar Societies. He has also presented educational materials at various forestry and other landowner group conferences and meetings.

Ian has served for a number of years on committees of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, with a view to establishing and promoting good real estate law practices.

He was awarded the Queen's Counsel designation in 2011.

In addition to his professional endeavours, Ian is an active participant in a number of volunteer organizations.

Irving, Limited group of companies. Scott is a frequent panelist on legal operations and legal technology matters in Canada and abroad.

DEAN JOHNSTON

Dean Johnston has been the Director of the Residential Tenancies Program, within Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services, for the past 11 years. He has been directly involved in all legislative and regulatory amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act and Regulations during this time.

Mr. Johnston has been working "remotely" from Sydney for the past 5 years, while the Residential Tenancies Program has been a "virtual" program since the Fall of 2018 when telephone hearings were implemented province wide. This had given Dean and his team a head start adapting to the challenges of delivering services through the pandemic.

SCOTT PICKUP

Scott Pickup is an experienced corporate/commercial lawyer with extensive experience in process improvement, practice innovation, and legal technology. In his role as Corporate Counsel at Irving Shipbuilding Inc., Scott is responsible for the overall practice innovation program for the J.D.