

Mr. Arkin obtained his LLM (ADR, 2002) from Osgoode Hall Law School, and his BA (1969) and LLB (1972) from the University of Manitoba. He was called to the Manitoba Bar (1973) and the Ontario Bar (1995). As Mediator with the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (“FSCO”) since 2000, he was responsible for Accident Benefit Motor Vehicle Mediation for the Ontario Government. Mr. Arkin conducted over 7400 mediations as a Government Mediator, a Roster Mediator with the Ontario Mandatory Mediation Program - Toronto and Ottawa, a Roster Mediator with the Automobile Injury Mediation Office in Winnipeg, and in his private mediation practice.

Mr. Arkin was formerly associated with Rye & Partners in Toronto, and the Winnipeg law firms of Duboff, Edwards, Haight & Schachter; Oliver, Derksen, Arkin; Thompson, Dorfman, Sweatman; and Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson. He is a Chartered Mediator (C. Med. 2002) with the ADR Institute of Canada, an International Mediation Institute (IMI) Certified Mediator (2009) and is an IMI Reviewer member. From 2000 to May 2006, he was a member of the Board of Directors, ADR Institute of Ontario (“ADRIO”), and served as its Vice President of Education for a one year period during that time.

He also served as ADRIO’s member on the York University Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee (“DRAC”) for a 3 year period. He has coached Osgoode Hall Law School students in mediations held in Ontario’s Small Claims Court, and has participated in a program for York University Dispute Resolution Student Observers at FSCO, 2009 and 2010.

Mr. Arkin has expertise in the areas of insurance, personal injury & administrative law as a Government Mediator. He is also experienced in corporate/commercial law, real estate (commercial & residential), wills & estates, elder law, employment law, and not-for-profit law. While in active practice Mr. Arkin attained a “bv” ranking with Martindale Hubbell for both Ontario and Manitoba.

Mr. Arkin served as a part-time lawyer member on the Consent & Capacity Board of Ontario (Ontario’s mental health review board) for a three year term from February 10, 2006 through February 9, 2009. He was a panelist on the issue of “The Need for Impartiality and Cultural Sensitivity” for the Inaugural Fair Hearing Conference presented by Federated Press in Toronto, September 29 and 30, 2010. He was Co-Chair and panelist for the second Fair Hearing Conference held in Toronto on September 12 and 13, 2011 and the seventh conference April 21 and 22, 2015. Since July, 2011, Mr. Arkin has also served as a Roster Mediator with the Automobile Injury Mediation Office (“AIM”) in Winnipeg, participating in its 2 year mediation pilot project with Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (“MPI”).

In January, 2017 Mr. Arkin was appointed as a part time member to the Discipline & Appeals Committees of the Real Estate Council of Ontario (“RECO”). He is currently on the Executive Committee of the ADR Section of the OBA, has presented on a panel for the OBA’s Mediation Bootcamp on September 24, 2018, and is a member of ADRIC’s ODR Task Force.

On a community level Mr. Arkin was a member of the Winnipeg Executive Committee of Save The Children Canada, a member of the Board and legal advisor to Village Clinic in Winnipeg, (a charitable medical institution comparable to ACT in Toronto), a member of the Board of The Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada (as it then was), and an adviser to Oasis Addiction Recovery Society in Toronto when it started.