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# **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

1980 - 1983	University College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario Bachelor of Arts, conferred in 1980
1980 - 1983	Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Ontario Bachelor of Laws, conferred in 1983
1984 - 1985	Law Society of Upper Canada, Bar Admission Course, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Ontario Called to the Bar February 1985
1996 - 2006	Deputy Judge of the Toronto Small Claims Court, Toronto, Ontario Presided over trials and pre-trial conferences
2010	ADR Institute of Canada Granted the title and designation of Chartered Mediator
	International Mediation Institute Certified as Mediator
2011	International Academy of Mediators Inducted as a Distinguished Fellow
	Best Lawyers of Canada Directory

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

June 1983 to June 1984 and February 1985 to August 1985 Elkind & Lipton (subsequently Elkind, Lipton & Jacobs)

Identified as a leading practitioner in insurance law

Barristers & Solicitors, Toronto, Ontario

Originally student-at-law and, subsequently, associate. Received broad

exposure to the practice of law in a full service firm with particular emphasis in civil litigation, real estate and conveyancing, corporate, commercial and

securities matters.

September 1985 to September 1987

#### Prousky & Biback, Barristers & Solicitors, Toronto, Ontario

Practice restricted to civil litigation with a primary emphasis upon insurance litigation from the plaintiff's perspective. Conducted trials (both jury and non-jury) and appeals (appearances in the Court of Appeal of Ontario and Divisional Court). Conducted numerous motions and pre-trial conferences.

September 1987 to October 2010

# Laxton Glass LLP (formerly Laxton, Glass & Swartz, Barristers & Solicitors, Toronto, Ontario

Practice restricted to civil litigation. Extensive experience in insurance litigation from both a defence and plaintiff perspective. Experience in wrongful dismissal, family law, commercial and real estate litigation. Numerous appearances at trial and on appeal. Appearances at the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (formerly the Ontario Insurance Commission) respecting mediation, prearbitration and arbitration hearing. Conducted trials (both jury and non-jury) and appeals (appearances in the Court of Appeal of Ontario and Divisional Court). Conducted numerous motions and pre-trial conferences. Conducted numerous mediations as counsel. Conducted seminars on topical legal issues for major insurance clients. Served as managing partner from 2003 to 2010. Counsel to the firm commencing November 2010.

January 2006 to Date

# Cooper Mediation Inc. (formerly LG Mediation & Arbitration Services Inc.) Toronto, Ontario

Principal of a company devoted to mediation and arbitration. Extensive experience as a mediator working primarily in insurance disputes (personal injury, life and disability claims). Extensive experience arbitrating disputes between insurers under the Insurance Act (loss transfer and priority disputes).

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

. ]	Member of the ADR Institute of Canada and the ADR Institute of Ontario
	Member of the International Mediation Institute
- ]	Member of the International Academy of Mediators
0	Member of the Canadian Bar Association and Ontario Bar Association.
7	Member of the Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association
- ]	Member of The Advocates' Society
13	Former member of Canadian Defence Lawyers, the Defence Research Institute and Medico-Legal Society of Toronto