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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Rick Brooks
Born – May 9, 1952. Kingston, Ontario
Married, three children

EDUCATION

Carleton University	Graduated B.A. 1974
University of Ottawa	Graduated LL.B. 1977
ADR Institute of Canada	Chartered Mediator 2010

Called to the Bar, Law Society of Upper Canada 1979

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 to present Brooks Dispute Resolution - mediator and arbitrator
- 2010 – June 2015 Kelly Santini LLP
Partner - lawyer and mediator
- 1977-2010 Piazza Brooks LLP
Partner from 1983 - lawyer and mediator

AREAS OF LAW

1979 – 2015

Litigation

- Acted for parties primarily in commercial and construction litigation matters including insolvency, receiverships, bankruptcies, contract disputes, construction issues, banking issues, corporate disputes and general litigation at trial and on appeal.
- Appeared before a number of regulatory agencies, boards and tribunals, including the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario; Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; Human Rights Tribunal; Federal Court of Canada and Federal Court of Appeal.

1998-2015

Corporate Governance

- Developed the constitutional framework and finalized negotiations for the Aboriginal Healing Foundation. This federal government initiative provided \$525 million in funding to make it possible for the Aboriginal community to set up healing centres, services and programs across Canada to help those who have been affected by abuse at residential school. Provided legal advice on the setting up of the foundation, by-laws, charter and general governance issues. Subsequently retained as legal counsel to assist the Foundation in all areas in which legal services were required.

MEDIATION/ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE (past and present)

- Stitt Feld Handy Group/University of Windsor Faculty of Law ADR Workshop
- Stitt Feld Handy Group/University of Windsor Faculty of Law Advanced ADR Workshop
- Chartered Mediator, ADR Institute of Canada
- Mediator, Ontario Superior Court of Justice
- Mediator, Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada
- Mediator, Ottawa Carleton District School Board
- Roster Arbitrator and Mediator for the Builder Arbitration Forum for the Tarion Warranty Corporation
- Inducted into the Canadian Academy of Distinguished Neutrals

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Past President, Board of Directors Ottawa International Jazz Festival and Chair of Programming Committee
- Co-chair of 2005 AA Provincial Ringette Championship
- Co-chair for the 2007 World Ringette Championship
- Recipient of Ringette Canada President's Award 2008

TEACHING

- Lecturer for the Continuing Legal Education section of the Law Society of Upper Canada
- Guest lecturer at Algonquin College
- Contributor to publication entitled "Mediation for Civil Litigators", published 2013 by Irwin Law Inc.

AFFILIATIONS

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- County of Carleton Law Association
- ADR Institute
- Canadian Academy of Distinguished Neutrals