

PRACTICE AREAS

Education Law

Employment Law

Labour Law

Privacy and Access
to Information

YEAR OF CALL

British Columbia, 1990

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Civil Law,
Oxford, 1988

LLB and BComm,
University of British
Columbia, 1987



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Keith has advised clients in the education sector about school, labour, and employment law for more than 35 years. He works with school boards, colleges, and university educators and administrators to assist them with the full range of legal problems they face, including human rights claims, privacy issues, and dealing with both students and parents. Keith has argued cases in all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as before arbitration panels, the Human Rights Tribunal, the College of Teachers, and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia.

In addition to his work in education, Keith's diverse background has seen him advise clients in numerous sectors including high tech, charities, banking, forestry, and credit unions. He also has experience in commercial litigation, arbitration, and international trade. He has appeared as counsel in arbitrations under the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) rules for international arbitrations to resolve disputes arising under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Keith's approach is to achieve the best result possible in as efficient a way as can be done, without incurring unnecessary expense for the client. He believes in providing proactive advice before decisions are made so as to minimize the risk of a matter proceeding to court or arbitration.

RECOGNITION

- Lawyer of the Year, Education Law, Best Lawyers in Canada, 2019, 2023, 2025
- Recognized Lawyer, Education Law, Best Lawyers in Canada, 2016 – present

- Recognized Lawyer, Labour and Employment Law, Best Lawyers in Canada, 2018 – present

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- President, Vancouver Pacific Swim Club
- Previous Adjunct Professor, School of Law, University of British Columbia