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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation • Banking & Finance • Restructuring & Insolvency • Insurance Litigation
• Energy & Natural Resources • Alternative Dispute Resolution • Crisis Management

BIOGRAPHY

George has been a lawyer for more than 25 years, and currently serves as Cox & Palmer's Chief Executive Officer. After obtaining a B.A. (Hons) at Mount Allison University in 1989, followed by an LL.B. at the University of New Brunswick, George completed an LL.M. at the University of Cambridge. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1995, and the New Brunswick Bar in 1998.

George maintains a commercial litigation and transaction practice with emphasis on disputes, transactions and arbitrations relating to Commercial Financing, Securities and Secured Transactions, Bankruptcy and Insolvency, Product Liability, Natural Resources and Energy, and Insurance.

George regularly represents chartered banks, manufacturers, insurers and numerous other commercial entities. He has appeared before the courts of New Brunswick, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, along with numerous boards and tribunals including the Ontario Securities Commission. George began his career with the Toronto office of Stikeman Elliott, one of Canada's leading law firms, where his practice focused on commercial and insolvency litigation.

George is the past chair of the Board of the Romeo LeBlanc Greater Moncton International Airport and past chair of the Board of Regents of Mount Allison University.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Best Lawyers' 2021 Moncton Corporate and Commercial Litigation Lawyer of the Year
- Recognized in the publication The Best Lawyers in Canada since 2013 for his practice in the areas of Insolvency and Financial Restructuring, Product Liability Law, Corporate & Commercial Litigation and Corporate Law.
- Consistently recognized in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a leading practitioner in Banking & Financial Institutions, Insolvency & Financial Restructuring, Corporate Commercial Litigation, and Directors' & Officers' Liability Litigation.
- Recognized by Benchmark Litigation as a preeminent litigation practitioner in Canada in the areas of Arbitration, Energy and Natural Resources, General Commercial, Insolvency, and Insurance.
- 2024 Law Firm of the Year for Banking & Finance Law by The Best Lawyers™ in Canada.

LANGUAGES

- English
- French

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of New Brunswick
- Law Society of Ontario

BAR ADMISSION

- Ontario (1995)
- New Brunswick (1998)

LAW SCHOOL

- University of New Brunswick

EDUCATION

- Mount Allison University (B.A. Hons., 1989)
- University of New Brunswick (LL.B., 1993)
- University of Cambridge (LL.M., 1997)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Member – Insolvency Institute of Canada
- Past-Chair – Board of Regents, Mount Allison University
- Past-Chair – Board of Directors of the Greater Moncton International Airport Authority

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Chief Executive Officer
- Past New Brunswick Managing Partner
- Past Moncton Office Managing Partner