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PRACTICE AREAS

Employment & Labour • Commercial Litigation • Municipal • Administrative

BIOGRAPHY

Kevin is the former Managing Partner of Cox & Palmer, Halifax (2012-2018) and served as Transition Co-ordinator for the Windsor / West Hants municipal consolidation project (2018-2020). He is recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada for his practice in Labour & Employment Law, Administrative and Public Law, and Corporate and Commercial Litigation. He was appointed Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) in 2004.

As a senior business leader, Kevin has direct experience in strategic planning, financial systems and reporting, management information systems, organization studies, operational reviews, project evaluations, executive searches, mergers, acquisitions, business plans and as a trusted advisor to clients. His experience is broad, serving a wide range of business and industry, governments, not-for-profit organizations, universities and associations.

EXPERIENCE

- Special advisor to Cape Breton Regional Municipality to establish a Commission to manage the region's water and wastewater service delivery (2022-2023);
- Special advisor to New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government with regard to implementation of New Brunswick's local government reform legislation (2022-2023);
- Project Manager for purpose-built multi-disciplinary team selected by the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to address a host of governance and organizational design issues resulting from dissolutions of the Towns of Parrsboro and Springhill within Cumberland County (2022);
- Lead negotiator for the three Cumberland municipalities (Amherst, Oxford, Cumberland County) on sale of the region's solid waste management system to GFL (2021-2022);
- Interim solicitor for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis to resolve a variety of challenges and claims related to activities of the former administration (2020-2021); and
- Transition Coordinator appointed by the Province of Nova Scotia for the Windsor / West Hants municipal consolidation project (2018-2020).

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Consistently listed as a leading practitioner by the publication The Best Lawyers in Canada for his practice in the areas of Labour and Employment Law, Administrative and Public Law, Municipal Law and Corporate and Commercial Litigation.
- Recognized in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a leading practitioner in Corporate Commercial Litigation.
- Best Lawyers' 2018 Halifax Administrative and Public Law Lawyer of the Year.

- Martindale-Hubbell Ratings: AV

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

BAR ADMISSION

- Nova Scotia (1985)

LAW SCHOOL

- Dalhousie University

EDUCATION

- Mount Allison University (BA, 1979)
- Carleton University (MA, 1981)
- Dalhousie University (LLB, 1984)
- Harvard Business School ("Leading Professional Services Firms 2013")

PUBLICATIONS

- A New Municipal Era – Less Talk, More Action?
- Shifting the Waste Burden: Municipalities to Producers
- Municipal Planning Appeals: Defying the Odds
- 10 Certain Steps to Better Municipal Council Meetings
- Nova Scotia restructuring facilitates economic growth, better services.
- Nova Scotia Restructuring Offers New Model for Consolidation
- Cannabis Legalization: High Time for Municipal Regulation
- Municipal Conflict of Interest Workshop

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Canadian Bar Association Subsection NS Utility and Review Board Planning Appeals – Practice and Procedure (May 2019)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Current Board Chair, National Youth Orchestra of Canada
- Former Member, Halifax Chamber of Commerce- Municipal Government Affairs Committee

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Managing Partner, Halifax office (2013 – 2018)
- Chair, Municipal Development Group

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Governor, Pine Hill Divinity Hall and Atlantic School of Theology
- Organizing Committee Member, Gallivan CF Golf Tournament
- Former Governor, NSCAD University
- Former Director, Greater Halifax Partnership