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PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative • Family • Corporate & Commercial • Corporate Services • Criminal • Estate Litigation • Estates & Trusts • Insurance Litigation • Residential Real Estate

BIOGRAPHY

Jim is Counsel in our Charlottetown office. He joined the firm in April 2020 from Macnutt & Dumont, the firm he co-founded.. Jim attended Dalhousie University's Schulich School of Law, finishing in 1965. He was called to the Prince Edward Island Bar in 1969, and completed his Masters in Law at the University of Ottawa in 1974. Jim received his Queen's Counsel designation in 1990.

Jim practices predominantly in the areas of administrative law, general & civil litigation, insurance litigation, corporate & commercial, corporate governance, corporate services, criminal, defence – security & marine, estate litigation, estates & trusts and real estate law.

Jim is a man of many facets, and, aside from his law practice, he is a history enthusiast, historical preservationist, author, and an active volunteer in his community. He has been recognized by many organizations for his dedication for his work at hand.

EXPERIENCE

- Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, the Hon. J. George MacKay (1969-72)
- Appointed to Prince Edward island's first Legislative Counsel and law Clerk to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island (1972-75)
- President, Prince Edward Island Branch of the Canadian Bar Association (1978-79)
- Appointed to the Fathers of Confederation Centre Building Trust – 3 year term; re-appointed for a second term (1986-93)
- Prepared White Paper proposal for new Family Law Act, for the Legislature, requested by the Premier Ghiz (1995-96)

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Queen's Counsel, 1990
- Law Society of Prince Edward Island's Distinguished Community Service Award, 1991

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Prince Edward Island

BAR ADMISSION

Prince Edward Island, 1969

LAW SCHOOL

- Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law

EDUCATION

Dalhousie, BA, 1965; University of Ottawa, Masters in Law Degree, 1974

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- First Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk (PEI),
- Secretary – P.E.I Branch of the Canadian Bar Association
- Past Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of PEI, the Hon. J. George MacKay and appointed P.E.I.'s first Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk to the Legislative Assembly of the province
- Past Member of Board of Directors of the Canadian Bar Insurance Association
- Past Chairman of the Law Society Unauthorized Practice Committee

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- The Canadian Mental Health Association (PEI Division)
- Charlottetown Rotary Club; Friends of the Confederation Centre of the Arts
- PEI Safety Council
- Arthritis Society
- PEI Rose Growers Society
- PEI Symphony Society
- Heritage Preservation Group
- Member of the YMCA Board of Directors
- PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation Member
- Member of the Easter Seals Society of PEI;