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PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate & Commercial • Mergers & Acquisitions • Fisheries & Aquaculture

BIOGRAPHY

Anna is a partner in the St. John's office of Cox & Palmer. She was admitted to the Newfoundland and Labrador bar in 2000, after earning an undergraduate degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland (B.A. (English, French) 1995) and her law degree from Dalhousie University (LL.B. 1999). Anna was appointed Kings Counsel in 2024.

Anna has an extensive and dynamic corporate and commercial practice, advising a broad and diverse group of clients ranging from small business startups to large multinational and international corporations. Anna handles commercial financings, commercial real estate, share sales, asset sales, mergers and acquisitions. As an offshoot of this, Anna has developed specialized expertise in the business matters relating to the fishing industry in this province, representing both fishers and lenders as they deal with enterprise sales, financing and regulatory matters. Anna's corporate and commercial clients also benefit from her experience in privacy law compliance and access to information requests, both on the Federal and Provincial level. Anna's clients appreciate not only her sound and practical advice and counsel, but also her solution-focused approach, her timeliness and responsiveness.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Listed as a leading practitioner by the publication The Best Lawyers in Canada for her practice in the areas of Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions Law.
- 2020 Lawyer of the Year for Mergers & Acquisitions Law (NL)
- Recognized by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a leading practitioner in Corporate Commercial Law and Mergers & Acquisitions Law.

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador

BAR ADMISSION

- Newfoundland and Labrador (2000)

LAW SCHOOL

- Dalhousie University

EDUCATION

- Memorial University of Newfoundland (B.A (English, French) 1995)
- Dalhousie University (LL.B. 1999)

PUBLICATIONS

- NL's Statutory Review of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act: What businesses need to know.
- Getting it Right on Human Rights
- Client Alert: Remote Work, Data Breaches and Cybersecurity Considerations during COVID-19
- A Black Power Suit . . . or an Orange One? How Corporate Directors may be Subject to Personal Liability and How Best to Avoid it.
- At the Very Lease...What to Know Before you Sign a Commercial Lease
- Up Close and Personal...Guarantees
- A Closer Look at Illicit Loans and Financial Assistance in Newfoundland and Labrador
- Getting Your 'Duck-uments' in a Row: Why Proper Corporate Records are More Important Than You Might Think

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Presenter – NLOWE Annual Conference: Understanding Strategic Relationships for Your Business Structure, April 2019
- Presenter – St. John's Board of Trade Succession Planning Seminar, March 2019
- Presenter – Newfoundland & Labrador Employers' Council: Case Law Review, June 2018
- Presenter – Newfoundland Labrador Liquor Corporation: The Care and Keeping of a Respectful Workplace, May 2018
- Lecturer: Memorial University Entrepreneurship Training Program; Legal and Regulatory Matters for Entrepreneurs in Canada, February 2012, August 2013 and February 2014.
- Co-Presenter – NLOWE Annual Conference: Are You Financially Fit?, April 2012
- Presenter – Maritime Access & Privacy Workshop: Employee Monitoring – Striking the balance between the employer's right to manage and the employee's right to privacy, June 2011
- Presenter – Newfoundland & Labrador Access & Privacy Workshop: Surveillance and social media – Privacy Issues in Civil Litigation, May 2011
- Presenter – Newfoundland & Labrador Employers' Council: Do's and Don'ts of Employee Surveillance, May 2011
- Presenter – Branching Out with Social Media – Are We Leaning on a Dangerous Limb?, March 2011
- Presenter – College of the North Atlantic: Technology Awareness, February 2011

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Director – St. John's Board of Trade (2021 –)
- Judge and presenter: Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs ("NLOWE") Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (2015 –)
- Regular Contributor – *The Advisor*, the official publication of the Newfoundland & Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs, NLOWE (2018 –)

- Member – St. John’s Board of Trade Task Force on Succession Planning (2018 –)
- Member – Past Executive of the Canadian Bar Association Privacy Law Section
- Past Member – Labour Policy Committee of the Newfoundland & Labrador Employers’ Council
- Past Board Member – Newfoundland and Labrador Building Owners and Managers Association

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- 2023 Heads Without Beds Leader-Home Again Furniture Bank
- Regular Contributor – *The Advisor*, the official publication of the Newfoundland & Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs, NLOWE (2018 –)
- Member – St. John’s Board of Trade Task Force on Succession Planning (2018)
- Member – Past Executive of the Canadian Bar Association Privacy Law Section
- Judge and presenter: Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs (“NLOWE”) Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (2015 –)
- Vice Chair of the Board: Opera on the Avalon
- Business Advisory Board and Launch Pad Advisory Board, Enactus Memorial (formerly SIFE Memorial)
- Past Member – Labour Policy Committee of the Newfoundland & Labrador Employers’ Council
- Past Board Member – Newfoundland and Labrador Building Owners and Managers Association
- Past Board Member – Eating Disorder Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Past Board Member – St. John’s Boys & Girls Club
- Lecturer at the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Bar Admission Course, Corporate Law Section (2018 –)