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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation • Health • Regulated Professions

BIOGRAPHY

Brian is a partner in the Halifax office of Cox & Palmer. He was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1982 after completing his education at Saint Mary's University (BA HONS, 1979) and Dalhousie Law School (LLB, 1982).

Brian's practice focuses on health law and medical defence, including acting as counsel to the Canadian Medical Protective Association and its member physicians.

Brian was appointed to Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) in 2002. In 2020, Brian was made a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Listed as a leading practitioner by the publication The Best Lawyers in Canada for his practice in the areas of Health Care Law, Medical Negligence, and Personal Injury Litigation
- Listed as a leading practitioner in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory in Medical Negligence, Personal Injury, and Professional Liability
- Recognized by Benchmark Litigation as a preeminent litigation practitioner in Canada in the area of Medical Malpractice
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

BAR ADMISSION

- Nova Scotia (1982)

LAW SCHOOL

- Dalhousie University

EDUCATION

- Saint Mary's University (BA, 1978) (Honours Equivalency 1979)
- Dalhousie Law School (LLB, 1982)

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Finance Partner – Halifax Executive (2019 and 2020)