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Bar Admission(s): New Brunswick, 1978

Legal Assistant(s): [Francine Bradbury](#), [Hannah Sullivan](#), [Janie Gaudet](#), [Wendy Ebbett](#)

Working with a diverse group of clients which include government and quasi-government bodies, professional associations, boards of directors, construction firms, vendors and purchasers of businesses, some of the examples of the services Fred has performed for his clients include:

- Obtained largest costs award in a New Brunswick trial decision for client in major construction case
- Acting as legal counsel to a high profile advisory board appointed to give strategic advice to the lenders and creditors of a large industrial/construction venture.
- Drafting and guiding private acts through the legislative process for 10 professional associations.
- Acting as counsel to receivers and trustees on significant insolvency cases.
- Serving as litigation counsel in the successful defence of a \$48 million legal action involving the largest private construction project in the province.

Practice Areas

Aboriginal Rights

Banking & Financing

Bankruptcy, Receivership & Insolvency

Commercial Transactions/Agreements

Construction

Corporate Formation/Reorganization

Intellectual Property

Labour & Employment
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Professional Regulation & Misconduct

Education & Career

Education

Harvard University, LL.M., 1979
University of New Brunswick, LL.B., 1978
University of New Brunswick, B.B.A., 1972

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association
Member, Order of Canada
Governor, Lifesaving Society New Brunswick
Trademark agent
Former Chair, Plan International Inc.

Accolades

King's Counsel, 2006
Recipient, Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, 2022
Best Lawyers: Banking and Finance, 2012-2023
Best Lawyers: Intellectual Property Law, 2012, 2014-2022
Recipient, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012
Lexpert rating: Banking & Financial Institutions, 2008 – 2022
Lexpert rating: Corporate Commercial Law, 2011 – 2023
Lexpert rating: Litigation – Directors' and Officers' Liability, 2011 – 2023
Lexpert rating: Intellectual Property, 2010 – 2022
Lexpert rating: Litigation – Corporate Commercial, 2018 – 2023
Lexpert rating: Computer & IT Law, 2008 – 2012
Martindale-Hubbell rating: BV Distinguished®

Presentations

Frequent presentations to professional associations and boards on effective governance, regulatory matters and professional discipline.