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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Newfoundland and Labrador, 1993

Legal Assistant(s): Sherry Spracklin

Working with clients such as insurance companies, institutional clients and families, Rodney has helped his clients by:

- Acting as counsel for school boards on education and employment matters.
- Acting for insurers in personal injury and property damage claims.
- Acting for private and institutional clients on human rights and other administrative matters.
- Acting for health authorities and families on issues of mental competency and the management of personal and financial affairs.

Practice Areas

Education
Human Rights
Insurance
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Professional Regulation & Misconduct
Real Property

Education & Career

Education

Dalhousie University, LLB, 1992

University of Manitoba, BA (with distinction), 1987

Activities

Chair, Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Complaints Authorization Committee, 2023 – present

Member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Commission Panel of Adjudicators, 2023 – present

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Chair, The Legal Aid Newfoundland and Labrador Appeal Board, 2021 – present

Alternate Member, Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Complaints Authorization Committee, 2020 – 2022

Vice-Chair, Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Complaints Authorization Committee, 2022 – 2023

Member, Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Code of Professional Conduct Review Committee, 2019 – present

Chair, Insurance Committee, Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2018 – 2023

Board member, Sound Arts Initiatives Inc.

Elective bencher, Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, September 2017 – present

Member, Insurance Committee, Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, September 2017 – present

Commissioner on the Board of Commissioners of the Newfoundland and Labrador Legal Aid Commission, 2015 – present

Member, Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law and Education, 2005 – 2018

Member, Board of Directors, Newfoundland Computers for Schools, 2003 – present

Accolades

Winner of The Honourable Robert Wells, QC Award, Newfoundland and Labrador Branch, Canadian Bar Association, 2022

Best Lawyers: Administrative and Public Law, 2014 – 2023

Best Lawyers: Education Law, 2023

Martindale-Hubbell rating: CV

Thought Leadership

Caution – Reform ahead for Newfoundland and Labrador automobile insurance

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