

# Stephen English KC – Professional Profile

A former President of the Alberta Trial Lawyers' Association and former managing partner of a mid-sized Edmonton law firm with over four decades of experience in litigation and advocacy. Recently trained as a Mediator at a Harvard Law School Executive Education Course.

## Practice focus – Civil Litigation Including:

- Corporate – commercial disputes – contract and tort claims.
- Shareholder and Partnership disputes.
- Business and investment fraud claims.
- Wrongful Dismissal
- Counsel in Trials and civil Appeals.
- Professional Negligence.
- Counsel to professionals involved in regulatory and disciplinary procedures.
- Consultation and preventative input into Corporate Commercial transactions; and
- Environmental Litigation.

## Approach to Client Service

Client-centered philosophy characterized by:

- attitude of exploring problems from client's perspective, and making clients partners in resolving their problems; and,
- a creative focus on business and other non-legal factors in assessing potential solutions to "legal" problems.

Professional services delivered in the context of a technology-intensive paperless approach to case management, research, and trial preparation.

## Publications and Presentations

Has authored articles and made numerous presentations to various legal groups and law firms on topics including:

- Law Office technology.
- Automation Strategies.
- Law Firm Marketing.
- ISO 9000 Quality Management Systems, and
- Psychometric Profiling for Law Firms.
- *"Examination for Discovery of Corporate Officers: Use of Employee Discovery Answers at Trial"*, Paper for Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers' Association Seminar, March 1995.
- *"Punitive Damages"*, Paper & Presentation for Legal Education Society of Alberta Seminar, May 1997.
- *"Psychometric Profiling for Law Firms"* – Presentation to the Edge's Group International Practice Coach Conference, Chicago, February 1998.

- *"Punitive Damages"* Presentation to Canadian Bar Association National Conference, Banff 2004.
- *"Professional Liability Issues Associated with Contaminated Site Remediation"* Presentation to the Alberta Association of Agrologists Annual Conference, Banff 2008.
- *"Self-Regulation for the Real Estate Industry"* Presentation to the Alberta Real Estate Association Annual Conference, Jasper, Alberta, June 2016.

## Professional Affiliations

### Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers' Association

- President 1994 – 1996
- First V.P. 1992 – 1994
- Treasurer 1990 – 1992
- Secretary 1988 – 1990

### American Trial Lawyers' Association

- Board of Governors 1996-2002
- Presidents' Council 1994 -1996

### Canadian Bar Association

- Member, Law Office Management Subsection Executive Member 1989 – 1993
- Member, Litigation Subsection
- Member, Environmental Law Subsection
- Member since 1979

### American Bar Association

- International Associate Member 1983 -2004

### Faculty of Law, University of Alberta

- Judge – North-West Regional International Client Counseling Competition.
- Judge – Alberta Provincial Client Interviewing and Counseling Competition.
- Workshop Leader - Client Interviewing and Counseling Competition.

### Legal Education Society of Alberta – Bar Admission Course Designer & Instructor

- Instructor - Civil Procedure Course.
- *Client Interviewing and Counseling – A Client-Centered Approach* – Course Evaluation & Design, Preparation of Lecturers' notes and Student Materials (1992).
- Instructor – *Client interviewing and Counseling – A Client-Client Approach* – a 2-day workshop course (1992 to 2012).
- Instructor – Litigation Advocacy.