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Frank Foran is Counsel in our Commercial Litigation Group in our Calgary office. Frank practises litigation, arbitration and administrative law, with an emphasis on corporate, commercial and energy litigation and arbitration (including oil & gas, electricity, banking, general commercial, construction, and insurance), and energy regulatory matters.

Recognized as a leading lawyer in these areas of law by the foremost legal rankings publications, Frank has appeared before all levels of courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and before regulatory (primarily energy) tribunals.

Frank is an appointed Fellow of both the Litigation Counsel of America and the American College of Trial Lawyers, a status reserved for less than one per cent of all practising lawyers of any state or province. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1988.

Insights & Events

- Contributing Editor, Federated Press Corporate Liability Quarterly, 1996-2015.
- Co-Author/Presenter, "Arbitration: An Overview," Insight Western Canadian Securities Litigation Advanced Forum, January 30-31, 2006.
- Chair, "Decision-Writing," The Canadian Institute, November 23-24, 2005.
- Co-Author, "An Introduction to Decision-Making and Reasons for Decision," The Canadian Institute, November 23-24, 2005.

- Co-Author, "Practical Considerations for Oil & Gas Lawyers Arising out of Recent Insolvency Cases," Legal Education Society of Alberta, November 2000.
- Co-Author, "Recent Judicial Developments of Interest to Oil & Gas Lawyers," Canadian Law Foundation, June 2000.
- Frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars and workshops.
- Instructor at trial and appeal advocacy courses.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Supreme Court Advocacy Institute; Alberta Chair, 2009-present
- Founding Member, Western Canada Commercial Arbitration Society
- Former Member, Canadian Roster for International Dispute Settlement Panels Under Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement
- Member (and former Director), Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation (now Canadian Energy Law Foundation)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association (previously on the executive of the Alberta Branch of the Canadian Bar Association and has served on various committees/programs of both, Law Society of Alberta and LSA Mentor Program)

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2020 and 2019 editions of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Litigation: General Commercial (Alberta) (Senior Statesman)).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada - Lawyer of the Year* (Calgary, International Arbitration).
- Recognized in the 2020 (and since 2006) edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Director and Officer Liability, Energy Regulatory Law, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring, International Arbitration, Natural Resources Law and Legal Malpractice Law).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of *Chambers Global — The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Dispute Resolution: Most in Demand Arbitrators).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2013) of the *Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* in (Litigation: Corporate Commercial).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2014) of *Legal 500 Canada* as a "Leading Lawyer" in (Dispute Resolution: Alberta).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Dispute Resolution – Most in Demand Arbitrators (Band 3)).
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of the *Lexpert®/ROB Special Edition – Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers*.
- Recognized as a leading energy lawyer in the 2017 (and since 2013) edition of *Lexpert®/Report on Business Special Edition on Energy*.
- Recognized in the 2016 to 2018 editions of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Dispute Resolution: Alberta, Dispute Resolution: Arbitration).
- Recipient of *Benchmark Canada's Lifetime Achievement Award* 2014.

- Recognized in the 2015 edition of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a "Local Litigation Star: Alberta" and a "Litigation Star: Construction, Energy and Natural Resources, General Commercial and Insurance".
- Recognized in the 2013 to 2016 editions of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Commercial Litigation).
- Recognized as the "2016 Calgary Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year" by the *Best Lawyers in Canada*®, as well as the "2014 Calgary International Arbitration Lawyer of the Year," "2013 Calgary Corporate and Commercial Litigation Lawyer of the Year," "2012 Calgary Director and Officer Liability Lawyer of the Year," "2011 Calgary Corporate and Commercial Litigator of the Year," and "2010 Calgary Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year" in previous issues.
- Recognized in the 2015 (and since 2012) editions of *Chambers Global — The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Dispute Resolution – Alberta, Dispute Resolution – Arbitration).
- Recognized in the 2015, 2014 and 2013 editions of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Class Actions, Energy – Electricity, Energy – Oil & Gas, International Commercial Arbitration, Litigation – Corporate Commercial, Litigation – Directors' and Officers' Liability, Litigation – Securities, Professional Liability).
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV® Preeminent™ 5 out of 5 Peer Review Rated.
- Recognized in the 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 editions of the *Lexpert® Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada* (International Commercial Arbitration; Litigation - Corporate Commercial; Litigation – Securities).

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 1973
- LLB, University of Alberta, 1972
- BA, University of Calgary, 1969

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