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EDUCATION

- May 2008 **Master of Arts, War Studies**
Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.
- June 2001 **Diploma in High Performance Coaching**
National Coaching Institute – Victoria
University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C.
- June 2001 **Bachelor of Laws,**
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.
- June 1998: **Diploma in Public Sector Management,**
University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C.
- June 1997: **Bachelor of Arts Degree,** Political Science,
University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

June 2012 to date LEGAL SERVICES BRANCH,
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
VICTORIA, B.C.

I am currently lead counsel in the Health and Social Services Group of the Ministry of Justice. My primary focus is on recovery of health care costs on behalf of the Provincial government through the *Health Care Costs Recovery Act* both within the province and elsewhere, including, nationally in the context of class action litigation. I have also acted as counsel in audit matters before the Medical Services Commission and provide advice to various regulatory bodies that operate through the Ministry of Health or other legislation including with respect to the conduct of regulatory and disciplinary hearings. In addition to legal work I have been involved in a wide variety of other activities from mentoring students to being a part of the Performance Management Working Group and assisting other counsel recruit and hire staff, including lawyers and students and as one of the primary drivers of a recent Branch-wide Working Wellness initiative.

February 2001 to June 2012 JOHNS, SOUTHWARD, GLAZIER, WALTON & MARGETTS
BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS
VICTORIA, B.C.

I was a partner in this full service law firm and focussed my practice on litigation. I have been involved in a variety of actions including those involving motor vehicle accidents, personal injury, rental disputes, foreclosure matters and criminal matters. I have also conducted investigations on behalf of clients ranging from small sports organizations to a Local Government. I have appeared as counsel in all levels of court in British Columbia as well as the Federal Court of Canada and acted as counsel in matters before the Ontario Court of Appeal, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, U.S. District Court in California and the Supreme Court of Western Australia. Given my sports background I have also provided legal representation to sports organizations, athletes and coaches involved in doping, selection and other disputes. This has included the conduct of anti-doping matters for the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) before the Doping Tribunal and appearing before the International Court of Arbitration for Sport centred in Lausanne, Switzerland.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE: 2011 to date

I was elected Vice President of the Canadian Olympic Committee in April 2015. Prior to that, I had served four years as a director on the Board. The Canadian Olympic Committee leads the achievement of the Canadian Olympic Team's podium success and advances Olympic values in Canada. Independent and predominantly privately funded, the Canadian Olympic Committee delivers the resources that Canada's elite athletes need to perform at their best and give their everything every day.

OMBUDSPERSON - CANADIAN PARALYMPIC TEAM: 2015 to date

I am the appointed Ombudsperson for the Canadian Paralympic Team. As the Ombudsperson I provide guidance and counsel for Canadian Paralympic Team Members to quickly and effectively resolve disputes and issues. If necessary, with the Team Members' consent, the Ombudsperson may arrange representation for a Team Member at any hearing, dispute resolution or appeal process in order to ensure Team Canada's interests are served appropriately and professionally before, during and post Games including the Parapan Am Games and Paralympic Games.

SOLDIER ON / INVICTUS GAMES: 2015 to date

I have set up and run a highly successful multisport Camp for ill and injured servicemen and servicewomen with a focus on the use of sport and competitive sport as a mechanism to promote re-integration into community and to achieve healing from visible and invisible injuries and help to inspire other wounded, injured and ill personnel, their families and the greater public. As a result of this I was also invited to coach the Canadian Team for the 2016 Invictus Games in Orlando, Florida and have been selected as the Head Coach for Canada again in 2017 when the Invictus Games are hosted in Toronto, Ontario.

VIASPORT: 2013 to date

I am an elected Director of this legacy organization of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, tasked to increase awareness, opportunity and participation in sport across the province - at every stage of life, and in every community. ViaSport leads a province-wide approach to build a stronger, more effective sport system that brings more families to the field of play, more fans into the stands and more athletes to the podium. With support from the Province of British Columbia and in collaboration with more than 70 sport organizations who deliver sport programs and services every day, ViaSport is leading the charge to strengthen B.C.'s amateur sport system

PACIFIC INSTITUTE OF SPORTS EXCELLENCE: 2010 to 2013

I was an elected Director of this partnership initiative of Camosun College, Canadian Sport Centre Pacific and PacificSport Victoria. PISE is a visionary nexus of educational programming in sport leadership, coaching science, athlete and coach development and wellness; sport medicine and sport science expertise; and sport facilities within a single centre helping Canada take its rightful place in sport.

BC WHEELCHAIR SPORTS: 1998 to 2012

I was the Provincial Coach for Athletics for BC Wheelchair Sports. I have been the Head Coach of the Provincial Team at both the Western Canada Summer Games and the Canada Summer Games. I have also taken various members of the Provincial team to the annual National Team Training Camp for BC and attended the World Championships in 2002 and 2006 as a Coach with the Canadian National Team as well as the 2004 and 2012 Paralympic Games. I had several of my personal athletes qualify for the World Championships in 2002, 2006, 2009, 2013 and the Paralympic Games in 2004, 2008 and 2012 winning multiple medals and breaking over 25 World Records. Additionally I am one of the first two wheelchair athletics coaches to ever be certified at Level 4 of the National Coaching Certification Program and I also hold the professional designation ChPC as a Chartered Professional Coach.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Sports & Sports Law

Lawless, Peter & Mitten, Matt. North American Professional and College Sports Anti-Doping Rules in Comparison to the WADA Code and Corresponding Adjudication Processes, International Court of Arbitration for Sport Public Seminar, February 11, 2016.

Lawless, Peter. "Anti-Doping: What every athlete and coach needs to know about the new (2015) Canadian Anti-Doping Program" Canadian Sport Institute (Pacific) Sport Performance Speaker's Series, February 5, 2015

Lawless, Peter. "Employment Issues in Sports" Canadian Sports Institute (Pacific) Speaker's Series, November 25, 2013

Lawless, Peter. "Why Can't We All Just Get Along? Dispute Resolution in Sport", Sport Information Resource Centre Speaker's Series, November 19, 2013

Lawless, Peter. "Sport Court? What's That?" Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch, October 31, 2013

Lawless, Peter. "How does a Board Deal with Conflict of Interest Concerns?" LeadershipSIRcuit, December 2012

Eden, Shaun M. and Lawless, Peter R. "Harassment: Protection through Policy". Coaches Plan, Winter 2012, (Vol 18, No. 4).

Lawless, Peter R. and Eden, Shaun M. "Harassment Claims and Codes of Conduct: Is sport different from the "real" world?". Coaches Plan, Summer 2011, (Vol 18, No. 2).

Lawless, Peter R. (Nov 2010). "How is this Disabled?". Keynote address, SportNB 2010 Sport Summit, Dieppe, NB

Lawless, Peter R. (Nov 2010). "Scared of Wheels?". SportNB 2010 Sport Summit, Dieppe, NB

Lawless, Peter R. (May 2010). "The Intersection of Sports and Civil Litigation". Canadian Bar Association (BC Branch), Victoria, BC

Lawless, Peter R. and Telles-Langdon, David. "Should Your Moral Conduct as an Athlete Follow You Into the Profession of Coaching?" Coaches Plan, Spring 2010 (Vol.17 No. 2).

Lawless, Peter R. (Feb 2009). "Sports Dispute Resolution". 2009 AGM, BC Hockey Association, Vancouver, BC.

Performance / Leadership

Lawless, Peter. "The Relentless Pursuit of Excellence", Learning From the Best, Region2Region Conference Series, BC Public Service Agency, November 5, 2015; February 11, 2016; April 6, 2016; April 27, 2016

Lawless, Peter. "Relentless Optimism", Keynote Address, Learn at Work Week 2015, BC Public Service Agency, Sept 24, 2015

Lawless, Peter "Performance on Demand In the Ministry of Transportation" 2014 Road Builders' Conference, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Kelowna, BC September 15, 2014

Lawless, Peter "Performance and Wellness in the Ministry of Finance" 2014 Health and Wellness Week, Ministry of Finance, April 4, 2014

Lawless, Peter "Performance in the Economic Development Division" Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour, March 6, 2014

Lawless, Peter and Stilwell, Michelle "Performance on Demand" Keynote Address. SPIN Conference, Calgary, November 9, 2013

Lawless, Peter. "Project Management – Performance on Demand" BC Public Service Agency Conference – Project Management in Tomorrow's Public Service November 1, 2013

Law

Chewka, Kaitlyn & Lawless, Peter. "A Practical Primer on the *Health Care Costs Recovery Act*" Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, June 22, 2015

Lawless, Peter. "Health Care Costs Recovery Act 2015" Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, February 19, 2015

Tamosiunas, Genevieve & Lawless, Peter. "The *Health Care Costs Recovery Act*: Five Years and Counting", Trial Lawyers Association of BC, Oct 24, 2014.

Lawless, Peter. "Health Care Costs Recovery Act for Paralegals " Paralegal Conference 2013, Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, September 12, 2013

Carmichael, Barbara & Lawless, Peter. "The New *Insurance Act*, the New *Limitations Act* and the "Old" *Health Care Costs Recovery Act*, Canadian Defence Lawyers, February 27, 2013.

Other

Lawless, Peter R. (May 2006). 'Broken arrows, broken dreams: the myth of the Avro Arrow'. 17th Military History Colloquium, Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies, University of Western Ontario.

Lawless, Peter R. (Apr 2006). 'The workings of the U.S. military commissions at Guantanamo Bay'. 4th Research Group in International Security Colloquium, University of Montreal.

Lawless, Peter R. (Feb 2006). 'Why use military commissions?' 8th Annual Conference on War & Security, Centre for Strategic Studies, University of Calgary.

POST SECONDARY TEACHING

University of Victoria Law School:

Law 307-B - Civil Procedure and Drafting (2015)

Law 343-2 - Sport Dispute Resolution in Canada (2014)

Camosun College Centre for Sport and Exercise Education:

SFL 420 - Sport & Fitness Law (2010-2017)

SFL 310 - Ethics in Sport (2014)

AWARDS

Coaching: ViaSport – International Coach of the Year 2017
National Coaching Excellence Award 2016
Sport BC Coach of the Year – 2012
National Coaching Excellence Award 2012
Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association – Coach of the Year 2011
National Coaching Excellence Award 2011
BC Athletics High Performance Coaching Excellence 2011
BC Athlete Voice – ACE Coach Award 2011
Coaches Association of BC International Coach of the Year 2010
National Coaching Excellence Award 2010
BC Athletics High Performance Coach of the Year 2008
BC Athletics High Performance Coach of the Year 2007

Coaches Association of BC International Coach of the Year 2006
BC Athletics High Performance Coach of the Year 2006
BC Wheelchair Sports Coach of the Year 2005
BC Wheelchair Sports Coach of the Year 2004
Coaching Association of Canada – Coaching Recognition Award 2003
BC Wheelchair Sports President's Award 2003
BC Wheelchair Sports Coach of the Year 2002
BC Wheelchair Sports President's Award 2001
BC Athletics Coaching Excellence Award (Senior Coach) 2001
BC Wheelchair Sports President's Award 2000
BC Wheelchair Sports President's Award 1999

Military: Canadian Forces Decoration, 2004
Massey Memorial Sword of Honour for Top Student, Basic Officer Course, 1992

Other: BC Medal of Good Citizenship, 2017
Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012
Duke of Edinburgh's Gold, and Silver Awards