

RESUME GEORGE W. TAYLOR Q. C.

EDUCATION

I was educated in the elementary and secondary schools of Hamilton. I graduated from McMaster University with a B.A. in economics and business, and then attended Osgoode Hall Law School ultimately to be admitted to practice law in Ontario. I am qualified as a mediator from the University of Windsor and as an Arbitrator in Ontario through AMIO now ADR Institute. I regularly update my legal knowledge also my administrative tribunal and mediation procedures including sensitivity/diversity courses. I have attended the 3 SDRCC educational conferences

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Prior to my legal career I had numerous employment experiences. My legal career has been extensive and varied. I have been a community college instructor in business law, a mediator, an arbitrator, a Deputy Judge Small Claims Court where I conducted thousands of trials in my 33 years, a politician (School Trustee, Solicitor General) and a member of the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal completing thousands of hearings. I taught at York University (2008) as a Dispute Resolution Educator to the advanced mediators' course. This included mentoring on actual mediations in the court system. I am presently a Member of the CPP Pensions Review Tribunal. I have been on the Mediation Panel of SDRCC since May 1, 2007 completing 2 mediations but busy for two other opportunities.

LAW CAREER

My law career was commenced doing litigation in Toronto in prominent law firms which experience included representation both in civil and criminal matters, appearances before administrative tribunals, federal prosecutions and defence work, duty counsel, appearances before professional disciplinary bodies, family law, real estate, wills and estates. I later relocated from Toronto to Barrie and became a law partner in a general practice, emphasizing litigation, corporate and commercial work, real estate development, municipal law, including instructing business law at Georgian College a community college for 9 years. I closed in 2001 my law office to concentrate on mediations and arbitrations.

I have been a guest speaker and lecturer on law and government locally and internationally. I have been a guest on numerous TV and radio shows as well as publishing legal/mediation and other numerous topical articles in periodicals and newspapers. I have spoken on and had published in ADR periodicals the procedures of SDRCC. I am a panel member of SCADRA (Simcoe County Alternate Dispute Resolution Association).

Throughout my legal career I have participated in many leading cases reported in the media and law journals. I have taken an active part though leadership roles in

numerous professional organizations serving in both executive capacities as well as originating or as a founder of some organizations. I have also made over 13 personal submissions to numerous government commissions and committee's studying changes to legislation.

MEDIATOR AND ARBITRATOR

I offer as a mediator or arbitrator 45 years experience as a lawyer possessing a unique understanding of sports, construction, politics, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, the military and community service organizations having been extensively involved in all of them. In my litigation legal career I obtained varied experience in estates, real estate, construction, wrongful dismissal, landlord and tenant, condominiums, land development including appearing before all court levels in Ontario and many administrative tribunals.

I have conducted thousands of hearings as a board member on the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal including mediated settlements. My resume also includes thousands of cases conducted many with extensive written reasons during 33 years of experience as a Small Claims Court Deputy Judge. This included many pre-trial mediation conferences.

Statement. I have done no sole arbitrator hearings in the last 2 years. I have in the past 2 years conducted 70 arbitrations as Chairperson of 3 member panel hearings with my written decisions for the CPP Review Tribunal and received an excellent procedural review. I have done approximately 15 mediations in the past 2 years.

I listen, I am patient, I enable. As a mediator as well in many pre-trial conferences I have successfully settled disputes. As an Arbitrator the parties have been respectfully heard concluding the hearing with a prompt, knowledgeable, fair, written decision.

My legal, community, employment and life experiences have provided or facilitated mediated creative problem solving, with credibility and impartiality to satisfy the people to the dispute. After hearings, trials or arbitrations I promptly prepare reasoned, readable and understandable, particularly by the participants, written decisions.

Besides belonging to many professional groups as a lawyer both in Toronto and Barrie I have always upgraded my skills including completing the mediation course of Stitt, Feld, Handy, Houston through the University of Windsor and the AMIO course for arbitration by Murray Mishkin thus being accepted as member of AMIO Institute, now ADR Institute. I have been a mentor and instructor to advanced mediation students at York University.

ATHLETICS

I played Varsity football, at McMaster University (three letters and Hall of Fame recognition), Varsity hockey McMaster University, Canadian cross-country high school

champion runner, Barrie masters old-timers' hockey team – Masters Hockey Hall of Fame member. I have coached and managed amateur hockey teams. This included the organization of schedules, transportation of teams and the purchase of equipment. I have been a financial sponsor of amateur soccer and hockey teams as well as individual young athletes. Throughout my life I have played numerous organized competitive sports (baseball, water polo, swimming, mountain and road biking, tennis and track) but presently I restrict myself to downhill skiing, mountain and road biking and golf. I have been a “walking scorer” for the Canadian and Nationwide Golf Tournaments. I am presently rating for SCORE GOLF MAGAZINE Canadian golf courses.

I have all my life been an avid sports participant and spectator. I attended World Cup Ski races at Whistler, the summer Olympics in Montreal and participated as an Olympic torch-bearer for the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.

I have assisted my two sons in competition locally, throughout Canada and the USA both in amateur and professional sports from hockey, soccer, skiing to motocross. Further in these sports I have coached, managed, assisted teams, attended dispute hearings, created sport organizations, refereed and have been consulted as a legal advisor. I am familiar with sports organizations and the Canadian amateur sports system.

I was the legal advisor to my son's extreme sports company that put on such events as Ski Jam; World Cup Snowboard Championships at Whistler and World cup Skateboard championships. The company was purchased by IMG (International Management Group).

RELATED SPORT ACTIVITIES

In 1991 for the Barrie-Collingwood venue I was Chairman of the **Ontario Winter Games** a multi-sport event for Olympic hopefuls, with a budget of \$2 million, with the participation of 2500 young athletes from throughout Ontario, 1000 volunteers, concluding the event with a legacy fund of \$100,000.00. As a hands-on Chairman I was responsible for the co-ordination of services for transportation, security, accommodations, selection of venues, purchase of the equipment, officials, medical support, recruiting volunteers, feeding, hearing and mediating sports issues of organizations and athletes including arbitrations as the final arbitrator, opening and closing ceremonies, obtaining public sponsorship support which included financial and advertising. I developed an efficient organizational team yet frequently mediating competing municipal concerns for venues by my coordinating leadership role to bring together the two communities of Barrie and Collingwood 45 miles apart running events in both communities while recognising the desires of both.

I completed in 2005 as a hands-on Chairman for the Barrie venue of **Ontario Senior Games Association** for the 2005 Ontario winter senior games which includes a budget of \$500,000.00, approximate 800 over the age of 55 senior Ontario athletes

participating in a multi-sport event over three days including the responsibility for venues, accommodation, transportation to and during the events, raising funds, advertising and support, security, creating a harassment policy, feeding, medical requirements, opening and closing ceremonies, logo production, medal ceremonies, mediating and arbitrating sport issues on competition and the rules of the event, all terminating in the production of a summary report on conclusion of the games to the distribution in the community of the \$118000.00 legacy fund.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

I have contributed to the community by general service, in sports, culture through the following 32 organizations and groups set out in the attached Schedule. Many of them complement the services SDRCC requires. In all of them I was the person who initiated the creation, or held executive capacity responsible for spending of funds, employing staff, education of the public, reorganization of the body, running campaigns or functions for the particular organization. I have received public recognition by the municipality, the province, and the federal government for my contribution to sports and the community.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Coach Don Mills Civitan Hockey League 1966
Director United Appeal 1972.
Director Barrie YM-YWCA 1972-1973.
Director and Host Public Affairs Show, Cable 8 Barrie 1970.
Campaign Chairman Canadian Cancer Society Barrie 1975.
Manager Barrie Lions Minor Hockey Team 1976-77.
Manager Barrie Minor Hockey Team 1973.
Sponsor 8 years Knights of Columbus Minor Hockey Team 1976-84.
Founder Terry Fox Run Barrie 1980.
Founder and Past President Crime Stoppers Simcoe, Dufferin, Muskoka.
Director Canadian Red Cross Barrie 1987-88.
Financial contributor to Shaw Festival Niagara On The Lake.
Financial contributor to Gryphon Theatre Barrie.
Fund raiser for Canadian Association for the Community Living Advisory Board.
Member to the Advisory Committee Ontario Provincial Auditor 1986.
Release letter contributor to Amnesty International.
Rotary Club of Barrie member 22 years director and secretary.
Director Greater Barrie Chamber of Commerce.
Alumni Representative McMaster University.
Director of Barrie Executive Association.
Fund raiser Salvation Army.
Director Huronia Trails and Greenways.
Ontario Winter Games Chairman at Barrie 1991.
Member Barrie Council Compensation Review Committee 1998.
Awarded the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Community Service Medal 1977.
Honorary Chief Christian Island Ojibway Indian Band.
Awarded Barrie Chamber of Commerce Willard Kinzie Award for Contribution to Sport and fitness 1991.
Volunteer Christmas Cheer Food Program.
Awarded Canadian Medal for Service to Community 1992.
Ontario Senior Winter Games Chairman Barrie 2006.
Volunteer Kids of Steel Triathlon
Founding Director Ontario Deputy Judges Association
Member Royal Victoria Hospital- Research Ethics Board.