

## PROFILE

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- Recognized leader in the British Columbia family law bar, specializing in consensual dispute resolution.
- Experienced parenting coordinator, arbitrator, mediator, and collaborative lawyer.
- Conducted over 1,000 days of mediation since 2013.
- Conducts approximately 90 to 100 mediations annually.
- Skilled in mediating high-conflict family disputes, both with counsel and self-represented parties; sensitive to power imbalances and trained in trauma-informed practice.
- Regular instructor in family law, parenting coordination, and mediation, teaching at the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law, the Law Society of BC's Professional Legal Training Course, Continuing Legal Education BC, and other professional organizations.
- Trained in interviewing children to gather their views for use in court proceedings, mediation, and parenting coordination.
- Provide consensual dispute resolution services for parenting coordinators and families through the BC Parenting Coordinator Roster Society.
- Appointed to the Dispute Resolution Tribunal for the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, as a Resolution Facilitator, Mediator, and Safe Sport Mediator.

## WORK HISTORY

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<b>Hamilton Fabbro</b> , Vancouver, B.C. Partner, lawyer, mediator, parenting coordinator, and arbitrator Boutique family law firm, specializing in complex family law disputes	2008 - Present
<b>Karen. F. Nordlinger and Associates</b> , Vancouver, BC Associate lawyer, boutique family law litigation firm	2000 - 2008
<b>Evans MacIsaac McMillan</b> , Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia Associate lawyer, full-service law firm	1999 - 2000
<b>Baker Newby</b> , Abbotsford, BC Articling student / summer student	1998 - 1999, summer 1997
<b>Correctional Services Canada</b> , Matsqui Institution, Abbotsford, BC Correctional officer and social development officer	1995 -1996, summer 1997

## EDUCATION

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<b>Bachelor of Laws</b> , from the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia	1998
<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> , Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC	1994

## ACCREDITATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Sports Dispute Resolution of Canada</b> , appointed to Dispute Resolution Tribunal	May 2025 - April 2029
<b>Certified Family Law Mediator</b> , through Law Society of BC	2013
<b>Certified Family Law Arbitrator</b> , through Law Society of British Columbia	2013
<b>Certified Parenting Coordinator</b> , through Law Society of British Columbia	2013
<b>Collaborative Family Lawyer</b>	2005
<b>Law Society of British Columbia</b> , called and still practicing	1999
<b>Law Society of Nova Scotia</b> , called, but no longer practicing	1999

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND LEADERSHIP ROLES

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### **British Columbia Collaborative Roster Society**

- President, 2022–2024
- Board of Directors Member, 2012–present
- Roster Member, 2010–present

### **Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie Law Alumni Association**

- British Columbia Branch President, May 2019 to present

### **Family Law Organizer, British Columbia Courthouse Libraries**

- Chair, Steering Committee, 2020–present
- Steering Committee Member, 2019–present

### **British Columbia Parenting Coordinators Roster Society**

- Board of Directors Member, 10 years
- Roster Member, 2009–present

### **British Columbia Parenting Assessor Roster Society**

- Executive Committee Member (not on roster), 2024 to present

### **Canadian Bar Association – British Columbia Branch, Family Law Section**

- Co-Chair, 2010–2013
- Executive Committee Member, 2004–2014
- Member, 1999–present

### **Family Law Advocates Group**

- Member, 2013–2022, 2024–present

### **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)**

- Member, 2013–present

### **International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP)**

- Member, 2009–present

### **Collaborative Divorce Vancouver**

- Member, 2007–present

### **SEVEN24Films Inc.**

- Legal Consultant for Family Law (four season television drama on Global TV), 2019 - 2024

### **North Shore Winter Club (NSWC), North Vancouver, BC**

- Membership Committee Member (subcommittee of Board of Directors), 2013–2021, 2024–March 2025
- Executive Member, Marlins Swim Team, 2012–present
- NSWC Discipline Process Subcommittee Member, current

### **British Columbia Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA)**

- Vancouver & District Region Board Member, 2012–2019

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- Named to *Best Lawyers in Canada* in Family Law and Family Law Mediation (2020–present)
- Repeatedly recognized as a Lexpert-Ranked Lawyer in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (2021–2025) for contributions to the field of family law
- Hamilton Fabbro recognized by *The Globe and Mail* as one of *Canada's Best Law Firms* (2023–2025)
- 2024 Volunteer of the Year – Marlins Swim Team, North Shore Winter Club