# PROF. PRAVEEN SANDHU, C. ARB, FCIARB

## B.A., J.D., CHARTERED ARBITRATOR, QUALIFIED MEDIATOR

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Bilingual Chartered Arbitrator with 20+ years of experience in ADR and legal practice. Skilled at managing time-sensitive, urgent and multi-party proceedings. Appointed as arbitrator in over 40 arbitration proceedings since being qualified in Spring 2021. Experienced in conducting hearings, issuing procedural, interlocutory and final orders, and writing legally sound arbitration awards. Available for

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### SPORTS LAW, DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE AND KEY SKILLS

urgent proceedings, short timelines and multi-party disputes

- Completed Sports Law course as part of Juris Doctor, gaining foundational knowledge
- Provided advice to high-level competitive ice hockey players (three nephews) and their families on disputes involving team selection, ice time and contract matters
- Developed a nuanced understanding of fairness and equity in competitive sports and the unique pressures faced by athletes and their families
- Strong ability to craft clear, legally sound awards suitable for self-represented and legally inexperienced parties

#### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

 King Charles III's Coronation Medal – in recognition of contributions within Canada and achievements abroad bringing credit to Canada, February 2025.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** 

## Lawyer Ekaas Resolve

2013-current

- Arbitration, 40+ appointments (VanIAC, SCC, ADRBC/ADRIC and other institutions)
  - Conducting quasi-judicial documents only, online and in-person hearings with witnesses, ruling on motions, determining admissibility of evidence
  - Issued over 30 final arbitration awards, concluded matters within any applicable timeframes, no appeals filed against any award to date
  - Managing urgent timelines, multi-party disputes and issuing Awards within strict brief time limits of seven-fourteen days
- Mediation practice, 40+ mediations/co-mediations
  - Effectively resolved over 90% of disputes handled as mediator or co-mediator in matters involving two or more, up to (9) nine, different parties.
  - Ability to inspire trust as mediator, effectively communicate orally and assist parties in negotiating a resolution and voluntarily signing a settlement

- Litigation practice
  - Attended in all levels of court in BC and before various boards and tribunals

#### Professor Sauder School of Business, UBC

May 2023-current

 Business Law 393 to post-graduate students in the Diploma in Accounting (DAP) program, including administrative law and review of investigations and discipline decisions issued by the governing body (CPABC)

## Professor British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)

 Business Law 3100, Students in various programs including finance, business administration, insurance

## Associate Lawyer Koffman Kalef Business Lawyers LLP Vancouver

- Managed all aspects of a commercial litigation practice, from initial client meeting to trial, 100+ active litigation files
- Attended at all levels of court in BC and various administrative tribunals and boards

Articled Student Harper Grey LLP

Summer Student Thorsteinssons LLP Tax Lawyers

#### VARIOUS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING:

- "Swedish Innovation in Arbitration Proceedings", interview with Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) Arbitration Institute, modern innovative rules, fast-track procedure and use of technology, ADRBC Virtual Symposium, 5-6 June 2023
- "ADR & The Vanishing Trial: Growth and Impact of ADR", International Arbitration & Mediation Conference in India by the World Law Alliance, 14 November 2022
- "Know Your Blindspots", with reference to mediation, sole speaker in an interview style discussion on how to maintain neutrality, Online Webinar, Beyond Law CLC, New Delhi, India, October 23, 2021
- "Concrete Blocks, Creative Spaces", a panel discussion on creative methods employed to get parties through a dispute and to a resolution, Virtual Symposium, ADR Institute of Canada, June 7-8, 2021

**EDUCATION** 

<u>Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) Arbitration Institute</u>, Stockholm, Sweden, Diploma Course for International Arbitrators (2024)

Royal Roads University, British Columbia, Arbitrator Training Course (2020)

University of California, Berkeley, Advanced Mediation and Conflict Resolution Seminar (2020)

ADR Institute of Canada, National Introductory Mediation Course (2020)

University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law, J.D.

University of British Columbia, Faculty of Arts, B.A. Political Science

University of Paris I - Sorbonne University, Paris, Written and Spoken French Certificate

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

ADR Institute of Canada, Chartered Arbitrator Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ADR Institute of Canada, Qualified Mediator Superior Court of California, Mediator

ADRBC, Civil Roster Mediator California Lawyers for the Arts, Med & Arb

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, French and Punjabi, Intermediate Hindi

#### VOLUNTEER WORK

- Acted as Moot Arbitrator for the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna 2024), a high-pressure, international competition for law students from universities worldwide
- Committee Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Young Members Group, Global Steering Committee (YMG GSC), collaborating with HQ on governance, modernizing bylaws and working group tasked with re-organizing and renaming the YMG GSC
- Board of Directors, ADR Institute of BC

Available upon request REFERENCES