

JORDAN BIRENBAUM

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Credentials & Education

2015 **Barrister and Solicitor, Law Society of Alberta**

2015 **Barrister and Solicitor, Law Society of Ontario**

2014 **Juris Doctor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law**

2012 **Doctor of Philosophy in History, University of Ottawa**

- Thesis subject: Legislative drafting history of the *Canadian Bill of Rights*.
- Funded Awards: SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, Ontario Graduate Scholarship, et al.

2004 **Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Alberta**

- Thesis subject: Legislative drafting history of the *British North America Act*.

2002 **Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, University of Alberta**

Experiences

May 2020 – PRESENT Nomos Legal and Policy Research Services Edmonton

Sole practitioner

- On a contract basis, providing legal research memos, drafting pleadings, and drafting contracts.

Aug. 2017 – PRESENT Joint LSA/CBA Legislative Liaison Committee Edmonton

Committee Member

- Reviewing Alberta public bills and recommending drafting amendments.

Feb. 2020 – April 2020 MLT Aikins Edmonton

Associate Lawyer

- Drafted legislation for First Nations communities.
- Drafted and reviewed licence agreements and other contracts.

Sept. 2015 – Feb. 2020 Lambert Intellectual Property Law Edmonton

Associate Lawyer

- Drafted and reviewed licence agreements, settlement agreements, and other contracts.
- Drafted pleadings and motions in civil litigation.
- Drafted briefs for use before the US Patent Trial and Appeal Board and other tribunals.
- Conducted a judicial review and appeal before the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal.
- Conducted patentability searches.
- Advised a municipality on freedom of information requests.
- Managed tight timelines for responses to Canadian and foreign patent and trademark offices.
- Supervised the work of technical and legal assistants and general office management.

Aug. 2014 – June 2015 Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General Toronto

Student-at-Law

- Identified and recommended legislative approaches to policy decisions.
- Interpreted legislation and advised court staff and clients in policy departments.
- Provided legislative advice during the policy development process, including under the *Execution Act*, the *Estates Act*, and the *Courts of Justice Act*.
- Prepared legislative documentation, option papers, briefing notes, and speaking notes for directors, the assistant deputy minister (ADAG), and cabinet office.

- Drafted legal memos, correspondences with the public, briefing notes, policy papers, public legal information, court procedure manuals, and court procedure checklists and flowcharts.
- Managed the legislative process in the making of new regulations under the *Family Law Act*, including the translation of policy decisions into drafting instructions with instructing counsel as well as ensuring the new legislative provisions reflected policy decisions of the ministry in reviewing drafts with legislative counsel.
- Facilitated amendments to the *Courts of Justice Act* through the legislative process.
- Communicated complex legislative provisions to a variety of audiences including financial disclosure forms under the *Family Law Rules* and visual flow charts describing processes under the *Rules of Civil Procedure*.
- Developed solutions to protect consumers of court reporting services.
- Supported program development for civil, family, provincial offences, and criminal courts.
- Developed information management (record retention) policies and standards.
- Consulted with the bench and bar and communicated rule changes and legislative reforms.
- Developed a database cataloguing the reports of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills as well as that Committee's correspondences with Ministries.
- Conducted extensive research on the appointment process of judicial officers as well as the legal instruments constituting their appointment and prepared related option papers.
- Facilitated regulatory and administrative changes including conducting jurisdictional scans, noting-up legislation and case law, and seeking approvals from senior management.
- Drafted procurement contracts between the court administration service and local authorities.
- Represented branch counsel on inter-ministerial working groups.

Sept. 2012 – Dec. 2013 Ontario Court of Justice (Family)

Toronto

Family Law Project Fellowship

- Aided unrepresented litigants in navigating the court system and filling out the complex forms required at every stage of the process, under the supervision of counsel.

May – Aug. 2012

Law Commission of Ontario

Toronto

Student Researcher

- Researched and drafted a major paper on cross-jurisdictional approaches to the law of legal capacity and developments in international human rights law regarding legal capacity.

Sept. 2011 – Mar. 2012 Downtown Legal Services

Toronto

Volunteer Case Worker

- Defended students against allegations of plagiarism.

2009 – 2010

University of Ottawa Faculty of Law

Ottawa

Research Assistant

- Designed the historical framework for a legal analysis of the federal spending power.
- Prepared brief legal analyses of specific sections of the *Constitution Act*.

2009 – 2010

University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association

Ottawa

President of Assembly

- Chaired the bilingual meetings of the Graduate Students' Association.

2005 – 2010

University of Ottawa Department of History

Ottawa

Teaching Assistant

- Edited, proofread, and graded thousands of papers.
- Guided students through materials, communicated expectations, and resolved student concerns.
- Developed and delivered lectures on Canadian history, frequently on short notice.