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Fred is a sought-after strategic legal advisor with over 40 years of experience.

Fred carries on a civil litigation practice with an emphasis on constitutional law, media and defamation issues, and employment and administrative proceedings. He is admitted to the bar in Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

Fred represents several national news organizations, and provides pre-publication advice to print, broadcast and web-based media outlets, as well as book publishers. Fred has been counsel in several cases where the Charter has been used to strike down provincial or federal legislation, and has appeared in all levels of the courts of Alberta and in the Supreme Court of Canada.

Fred's major media clients include

- Edmonton Journal
- CBC
- Globe and Mail
- CTV
- National Post
- Canadian Press
- Broadcast News
- Lethbridge Herald
- Medicine Hat News
- Post Media
- Great West Newspaper Group

Fred has also taught at MacEwan University on law and the media as well as on employment law at the University of Alberta.

Fred's Associations

- Edmonton Bar Association
- Law Society of Alberta
- Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association
- Law Society of Northwest Territories
- Law Society of Yukon
- Roster Member, Supreme Court Advocacy Institute
- Canadian Bar Association
- Canadian Media Lawyers Association (Ad Idem)

practice areas

- Boards, Tribunals & Administrative Law
- Constitution & Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Media & Defamation Law
- Professional Regulatory Law
- Labour & Employment

education

University of Alberta, BA
University of Alberta, LL.B.

admissions

Alberta, 1982

Northwest Territories, 2009

Yukon, 2010

- American College of Trial Lawyers

Fred's Awards & Recognitions

- [The Best Lawyers™ in Canada, Defamation & Media Law \(2006 – 2023\)](#)
- Acritas Stars – Independently Rated Lawyer (2020-2021)
- Recognized as a Leading Practitioner in the area of Litigation – Defamation & Media by the Canadian Legal Expert Directory (2009-2021)
- Recognized as a leading cross-border litigation lawyer in the area of Defamation & Media in the Lexpert Guide to the Leading US / Canada Cross-board Litigation Lawyers in Canada (2013 – 2017)
- Recipient of the Award of Honorary Membership in the Alberta Dental Association and College (2010)
- Inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers – Washington, DC (2010)
- Recipient of the Champion's Award by the Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association (2008)
- Appointed King's Counsel, 2008