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### **Overview**

Rick had worked over 16 years in two different municipalities in Alberta prior to commencing his practice of law and mediation in Red Deer. He currently is serving as the Mayor of the Summer Village of Gull Lake. During his municipal involvement he has gained a great respect for the role of elected local officials and municipal staff in guiding developments in their communities. He gained an appreciation of the difficulties that can arise between municipalities as well as conflicts that develop within communities. His involvement in numerous conflict resolution sessions for municipalities, experience as a mediator, and training in law and mediation have prepared him well for municipal mediation work.

### **Related Mediation Experiences**

- Facilitated a meeting between a Developer on Sylvan Lake and nearby residents.
- Assisted with mediation between City of Edmonton and Strathcona County re: uses of land close to the common boundary.
- Assisted with mediation between Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County.
- Assisted with mediation between County of Lacombe and Summer Villages of Sunbreaker Cove and Birchcliff re: developments around Sylvan Lake (2005).
- Mediated disagreement between residents and property owners in the Riverside Meadows community in City of Red Deer regarding land use development issues.
- Assisted in the City of Red Deer with public meetings concerning residents and municipal decision-making.
- Mediated a disagreement between representatives of community groups in the Village of Clive (2004).

### **Formal Education**

1991 - 1994 Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) - U of A Edmonton.  
Admitted to Alberta Bar - June, 1995.

1971 - 1973 Masters in Social Welfare (M.S.W.) Social Planning - Dalhousie U.

1964 - 1968 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) U of A Edmonton.

## **Related Training and Courses**

- 2010            Obtained Chartered Mediator designation with the Alternate Dispute Resolution Institute of Canada
- 2002            Collaborative Law Course and Interest-Based Negotiation Course
- 1998            Mediation Course - Shifting from Positions to Interests  
Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society.
- 1997            Divorce Mediation Course - Legal Education Society of Alberta.
- 1996            Arbitration Course - Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society.
- 1994            Mediation Courses - Alternative Dispute Resolution - Law School  
Mediation Level 2 - Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society.
- 1986            Banff School of Advanced Management - Banff.

## **Employment History:**

- 2009 - Mediator and Arbitrator on part-time basis.
- 1995 - 2008    Assinger Law Office, Red Deer, Alberta. Sole practitioner - family law, wills & estates, mediation, arbitration, real estate, general law.
- 1978 - 1991    Manager, Social Planning Department, City of Red Deer
- 1974 - 1977    Worked in the PSS Department, City of Medicine Hat

## **References**

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