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### **EXPERIENCE SUMMARY**

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Julie Hopkins is an independent commercial and labour arbitrator based in Calgary, Alberta and a member of Western Arbitration Chambers (formerly Calgary Energy & Commercial Arbitrators).

Until March 2020, Julie was counsel with Borden Ladner Gervais LLP where she practised commercial litigation, arbitration and administrative law for more than 26 years and advised and represented clients with complex and technical disputes concerning oil and gas, insurance, labour and employment, estates and trusts, corporate, and constitutional law. She also, among other things, conducted workplace investigations into high profile and sensitive matters and provided advice to decisions makers appointed as part of a grievance process.

As an arbitrator, Julie has decided matters ranging from disputes under asset purchase agreements to appeals of election results under a First Nation's election code. She is appointed to the rosters of a number of arbitral institutions including the CPR's Panels of Distinguished Neutrals (Global Panel), ICDR Canada, Vancouver International Commercial Arbitration Centre Domestic and International Panels and the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada. In addition to sitting as an arbitrator, Julie is an adjudicator under the Canada Labour Code and was a Panel Chair on the Alberta Insurance Councils Appeal Board. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ("CI Arb") and is the Chair of the CI Arb Canada Branch.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

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#### ***Professional Rosters & Associations***

Member, Western Arbitration Chambers

Chair, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Canada Branch

Member, Western Canada Commercial Arbitration Society

Panelist, CPR's Panels of Distinguished Neutrals – Global Panel

Panel Member, International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) Canada

Panelist, Vancouver International Commercial Arbitration Centre – Domestic and International Panels

Roster Member, Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada

Canada Labour Code, Adjudicator and Referee

Member, Canadian Roster for Dispute Settlement Panels under Chapter 19 (Trade Remedies) of the North American Free Trade Agreement

Member, Article 31.22 Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes under Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA)

### ***Other Professional Activities***

Editorial Board Member, New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer, a publication of the ADR Section of the New York State Bar Association

Alberta Sessions Coordinator, Supreme Court Advocacy Institute

Mentor, Mentor Connect Program, Law Society of Alberta

Volunteer Coach, University of Calgary Team (2021); Arbitrator (2018), Willem C. Vis (East) Moot, Hong Kong

Panel Chair, Insurance Councils Appeal Board of Alberta (which hears appeals from decisions of the Insurance Councils responsible for licensing and disciplining insurance agents, adjusters and brokers) (2008 – 2016)

Member, Insurance and Disaster Recovery Program Advisory Committee (Appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs to provide advice concerning disaster recovery assistance and insurance issues related to the 2013 flooding of Southern Alberta) (2014-2015)

### **RECOGNITIONS**

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Global Arbitration Review Legal Who's Who, Arbitrator (Canada) 2021

Refer to Her<sup>TM</sup> Arbitrators and Mediators List

### **RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

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Co-presenter, "Legal Update", Western Canada Commercial Arbitration Society Conference, Calgary, May 4, 2021

Author, ["The Courts' Decisions Concerning Their Own Virtual Hearings: 'What is Good for the Goose...'"](#), ADR Perspectives, Vol.8 No.1 March 2020/mars 2020, online

Co-Author, "[Virtual Practice Makes Virtually Perfect – Practical Considerations for Virtual Hearings Identified through Simulations with Experienced Counsel and Arbitrators](#)" (27 November, 2020)

Panel Member "Doing It Right: Ethics for Domestic Commercial Arbitration", Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 8th Annual Symposium on International and Domestic Arbitration, September 24, 2020

Co-Author, "[Canadian Courts Endorse Cross-Examination by Video](#)" American Bar Association Website(online/paywall)

Author, "[The Test for Permission for a Second Level of Appeal](#)", ADR Perspectives, Vol.7 No.2 May 2020/mai 2020 online

Course Director, Accelerated Route to Fellowship Course, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Toronto, September 2019; Instructor and Co-presenter, October 2017, September 2018, September/October 2020

## **EDUCATION, ARTICLES AND BAR ADMISSION**

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Mediating the Litigated Case, Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, 2021

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2014

Admitted to the Alberta Bar, 1994

Articled at Howard, Mackie (a predecessor firm to Borden Ladner Gervais LLP) including a three month rotation at the Crown Prosecutors' Office in Calgary, 1993-1994.

Bachelor of Laws, University of Alberta, 1993

Bachelor of Arts (with Honours), University of Calgary, 1990

## **INTERESTS**

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Julie enjoys running and travel. She and her family members are avid skiers although she is now challenged to keep up with them.