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CALLED TO THE BAR OF ONTARIO, 1980

EDUCATION

- LL.M.,Alternative Dispute Resolution,Osgoode Hall Law School, 2014
- LL.B.,(Honours),Osgoode Hall Law School, 1978
- B.A. (Honours),Political Science,McGill University, 1975

PRACTICE AREAS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation

Irvin is a senior commercial litigation lawyer, mediator and arbitrator with over 40 years of experience representing clients in complex corporate and commercial disputes. His practice focuses on shareholder remedies, partnership disputes, injunctive relief, defamations, employment claims, and commercial leasing disputes.

He has substantial experience with litigation for international clients, regularly handling matters for companies based in the United States and the United Kingdom.

He is a former member of the Board of Directors of a global affiliation of law firms, and he formerly served as the Chair of its North American litigation practice group. He is also a frequent author and lecturer on litigation practice-related matters.

He earned his LLM in Alternative Dispute Resolution from Osgoode Hall Law School in 2014 and has extensive experience in arbitration and mediation, having established arbitration and mediation practice at that time. He is listed as an arbitrator with the Canadian Commercial Arbitration Centre in Montreal.

He has developed broad industry experience across a range of sectors. With over four decades of experience, he is known for his

practical, solutions-focused approach and strong advocacy skills, both in and out of the courtroom.

His practice encompasses a broad range of commercial litigation and dispute resolution matters, with a particular focus on:

ADR

- Mediation in Commercial and Employment disputes
- Arbitrations in Commercial disputes

Key Practice Areas

- Partnership Disputes
- Shareholder Remedies
- Commercial Litigation
- Defamation
- Employment Litigation
- Real Estate and Commercial Leasing Disputes
- Automotive Industry Arbitrations

Additional Litigation Experience

- Injunctions relating to Commercial disputes
- Mortgage Defaults and Remedies
- Jurisdictional Disputes, including enforcement of foreign court awards
- Solicitors' Negligence
- Intentional Tort claims
- Intellectual Property claims
- Cryptocurrency litigation

MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Ontario
- Meritas Law Firms Worldwide, Chair, Litigation Section
- Meritas Law Firms Worldwide, Board of Directors (2019-2022)

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- March 04, 2026
  Succession Planning for a Family Business Can Be Tricky
- March 04, 2025
  Author, How Not to Exercise an Option to Purchase Land