



Debra Fendrick

Debra Fendrick is a Yukon based mediator and investigator having previously practiced law in the private sector for over 30 years. Originally from the Yukon, Debra obtained her university education in B.C. and Alberta. She graduated from the University of Alberta with her law degree in 1987 and after articling in Vancouver, returned to the Yukon in 1988. Debra was a lawyer and partner with the Whitehorse firm Austring Fendrick and Fairman from 1988 until 2019.

During her legal career, Debra practiced in all areas of civil litigation with a focus on plaintiff's personal injury law, employment disputes, administrative proceedings and First Nations law.

Debra appeared frequently in cases before the Yukon Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. In 2019, Debra's work as a lawyer was recognized when she became the inaugural recipient of the Justice Leigh Gower award which recognizes a resident member of the Yukon bar who has made notable contributions to both the legal and larger community in the Yukon.

In addition to her courtroom work, Debra appeared as legal counsel for clients before numerous tribunals and administrative agencies. In recent years, Debra has been the lawyer for several boards and tribunals including the Human Rights Panel of Adjudicators, the Workers Compensation Appeal Tribunal, the Yukon Water Board, the Child Care Board, the Yukon Review Board, the Ta'an Kwach'an Judicial Council and the Yukon Judicial Council.

Debra has a keen interest in administrative law, having provided training to boards and agencies for over two decades, most recently through the Foundation of Administrative Justice (FOAJ) organization. Debra enjoys the dynamic and evolving nature of administrative justice proceedings and working one on one with decision makers.

Since April of 2019, Debra has transitioned into her second career as a mediator and investigator. She is also now able to devote more time to providing administrative justice training through the FOAJ, which she very much enjoys.