



Leila J. Gosselin, CTAJ™

Ms. Gosselin received her B.A. (Criminology with Distinction 1986), and LL.B. (1989), from the University of Alberta. She articulated with The City of Calgary Law Department in 1989 and was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1990. She received her Chartered Mediator status in January 2000.

Ms. Gosselin started her own firm in 1997 where she focused on employment/labour law and human rights complaints. Ms. Gosselin returned to The City of Calgary in 2000 where she continued to practice administrative law in the areas of: expropriation, assessment (property and business), oil and gas, planning and taxi and limousine regulation as well as municipal law issues. Ms. Gosselin was lead counsel in the successful defense of the City of Calgary in the United Taxi Driver case where the Supreme Court of Canada's decision resulted in a major shift in the law regarding a municipality's authority; this case continues to be influential in Canadian municipal law.

Ms. Gosselin's passion, enthusiasm and natural teaching abilities have translated into a willingness to mentor junior lawyers and others and to volunteer with the CBA. She was a Council member of National CBA for over 10 years. She also served as a member of the Legislation and Law Reform committee of the National CBA and as a member of the CBA Alberta Branch South Legislative Review Committee. She was a member of the CBA Council for the Alberta Branch for a number of years.

In April 2000 Ms. Gosselin Co-Chaired the Alberta Provincial Round Table on Court Annexed Mediation which led to the formation of the Provincial Steering Committee on Court Annexed Mediation. She was then asked to be a member of that Provincial Steering Committee. The work of the Committee resulted in mediation being an integral aspect of the civil court and provisions for mediation were added to the rules of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

Ms. Gosselin was a volunteer instructor and evaluator for the Legal Education Society of Alberta for the Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education (CPLED), the organization that provides the pre-call education for articling students. Ms. Gosselin is an instructor for the Alberta Foundation of Administrative Justice which provides training for administrative tribunal members, their staff and advocates regarding all aspects of administrative law and interpretation of legislation. Ms. Gosselin acted as a principle for articling students for many years. She also mentored lawyers and was recognized by The City of Calgary for her contributions in this area. She has appeared before various administrative boards and tribunals. She has appeared at all levels of court, including 3 cases at the Supreme Court of Canada.

Ms. Gosselin was a Board member of a non-profit organization, Get Real which provides direction and training for teens to enhance their self-esteem. Ms. Gosselin also offers pro bono services to another non-profit organization in Alberta.

Ms. Gosselin retired from the practice of law in 2017 and enjoys spending her time travelling in her RV.