



Sheldon Toner, CTAJ™

Sheldon Toner is a resident of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and has been practicing law in the North for since being called to the bar in 1998. He opened Dragon Toner Law Office, with his partner Leanne Dragon, in 2010. The firm now has several associates and operates throughout the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Sheldon's experience includes over nine years as Legal Counsel with the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). He appeared in numerous court and administrative law proceedings, including labour arbitrations, liquor board hearings, income support appeals and the Joint Review Panel hearings for the Mackenzie Gas Project.

Since opening Dragon Toner Law Office, Sheldon's practice has focussed primarily in administrative law. He has served as counsel to numerous boards and tribunals, including professional licensing bodies and environmental review boards. He has conducted independent workplace investigations and mediations. He has also served as an independent decision-maker by appointment under territorial legislation.

The North offers unique challenges and opportunities to make a difference. Sheldon has served as counsel to the Chief Coroners of both the Northwest Territories and Nunavut in several inquests. This includes inquests concerning deaths in custody, and a broad systemic inquest into the high rate of suicides in Nunavut.

Sheldon has been a member of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Adjudication Panel (HRAP) since 2012. Since that time, he has mediated several human rights matters, conducted pre-hearing conferences and hearings and written decisions. He is currently the Chairperson of HRAP. He is also currently serving as the first Integrity Commissioner for the City of Yellowknife.