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Biography

Clarence Beckett takes pride in offering over four decades of exceptional legal experience to his clients. He practices in the areas of Civil Litigation and Insurance Law with an emphasis on defence. Clarence has served as Patterson Law's managing partner, Litigation Group Chair, and Insurance Litigation Practice Group Regional Chair. He has made appearances in all Courts in Nova Scotia as well as the Supreme Court of Canada, has taught the insurance section of the Bar Admission course and was recently selected to be published in Lexpert, Canada's respected legal directory. Clary has been listed in The Best Lawyers™ in Canada since 2006, and was named Halifax area's Lawyer of the Year in Personal Injury Litigation in 2010 and 2019, and Lawyer of the Year in Insurance Law for 2012. He was awarded the prestigious Lee Samis Award of Excellence by Canadian Defence Lawyers in 2017.

Experience

- Has been involved in defending professional liability claims and acts for professional associations involved in the defense of such claims
- Has also served as a Mediator and Arbitrator in personal injury and insurance cases
- Has appeared in all Courts within the Province of Nova Scotia and the Supreme Court of Canada

Recognition

- Appointed Queen's Counsel
- Canadian Defence Lawyers - Lee Samis Award of Excellence, 2017.
- Best Lawyers in Canada: recognized for Personal Injury Litigation, 2006-2021
- Best Lawyers in Canada: recognized Legal Malpractice Law, 2006-2021
- Best Lawyers in Canada: Personal Injury Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" in Truro for 2010, 2014, 2019
- Best Lawyers in Canada: Legal Malpractice "Lawyer of the Year" in Halifax for 2021

Areas of Law

Alternate Dispute Resolution
Appeals and Judicial Review
Civil Litigation
Co-operative Law
Insurance Defence and Subrogation
Personal Injury

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- Best Lawyers in Canada: Legal Malpractice "Lawyer of the Year" in Truro for 2013
- Best Lawyers in Canada: Insurance Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Truro for 2012
- Canadian Bar Association Distinguished Service Award, 2008
- Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, 2007

Associations and Memberships

- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow, International Society of Barristers
- Past-President, Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia Branch)
- Has served as a Member and Chairperson of numerous Committees of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, including the:
 - Administration of Justice Committee for 6 years and served a term as Chair of that Committee Court Reform Implementation Committee
 - Court Merger Committee responsible for merging Supreme and County Courts in Nova Scotia
 - Unified Family Court Committee
 - Bench/Bar Liaison Committee
 - Rules Committee
 - Case-flow Management Committee
 - Task Force on Civil Litigation
- Past member, Board of Directors of the Canadian Bar Insurance Association (CBIA) and past member of the Management Board of the CBIA, serving as Chair of the Product Development Committee and as Chair of the Marketing Committee.

Community Involvement

- Has served as Junior Warden and Senior Warden of St. John's Anglican Church and has served on Parish Council as Chair of Property Committee, Finance Committee and Cemetery Committee.

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Canadian Bar Association - Litigation Subsection, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, Bar Admission, Canadian Institute and Lexpert
- Lectures at insurance seminars for insurance industry on the topics of civil litigation and insurance law
- Formerly taught the insurance section of the Bar Admission course and has been involved in the preparation of materials for the Bar Admission course on Insurance Law

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Education and Bar Admissions

- Bar Admission: Nova Scotia, 1971
- LL.B. (Dalhousie University, 1971)
- B.Comm. (Dalhousie University, 1967)