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Biography

Janice has been advising and advocating on behalf of clients since 1989, primarily in the area of family law. A skilled negotiator and trial lawyer, Janice is committed to helping her clients resolve difficult issues by providing candid, practical advice and representation.

Janice also has experience in guiding executors and administrators through the probate and estate administration process.

Janice was selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* since 2018 in the field of Family Law, and was recognized by *Best Lawyers™* as the 2022 Family Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax.

Janice enjoys being a mentor to junior lawyers. She has served as Chair of the Supreme Court Family Liaison Committee and as a member of the Professional Standards (Family) Committee. She is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society, the Nova Scotia Association of Collaborative Professionals, and Alliance Française (Halifax).

She has served as an elected representative on Bar Council and has been an active volunteer with many community and professional groups including Alice Housing and the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission.

Recognition

- Appointed Queen’s Counsel, 2010
- Best Lawyers in Canada: 2022 Family Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax
- Best Lawyers in Canada: recognized in Family Law, 2018-2022

Associations and Memberships

- Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- Bar Council, Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society (2009-2011)

Areas of Law

Family and Divorce Law
Collaborative Family Law
Probate and Estate
Administration

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- Nova Scotia Association of Collaborative Professionals
- Chair, Supreme Court Family Liaison Committee, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society (2009-2014)
- Professional Standards (Family) Committee, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society (2009-2015)

Community Involvement

- Alliance Francaise (Halifax)
- Alice Housing, Board of Directors (1988-1989)
- Girl Guides of Canada, Leader (2003-2005)
- Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission, Director (1997-2000)

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Numerous presentations to continuing legal education conferences, community groups, government organizations; Dalhousie Law School; Canadian Bar Association; Career Women Interaction Conference; and at the symposium Honouring the Honourable Constance R. Glube, 2005.
- "Safely on Your Way", contributing editor, Justice Advisory Committee, Family Law Information for Abused Women Project, 2007-2009
- "Understanding the Law: A Guide for Women in Nova Scotia", contributing editor.

Education and Bar Admissions

- Bar Admission: Nova Scotia, 1989
- LL.B. (Dalhousie University, 1988)
- B.A., Honours (Saint Mary's University, 1985)