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Expertise

Non-Profit and Charities
Governance Advice for Board,
Shareholder and Member Meetings
Wills and Trusts

Education

- University of Toronto, B.A. 1966, J.D., 1969
- London School of Economics, LL.M., 1973

Bar Admission

- Ontario, 1971

Executive Summary

With extensive experience in not for profit and charitable organizations and corporate and commercial law, and as a recognized expert on corporate meetings, Cliff provides his clients with the benefit of his broad range of legal knowledge. He counsels boards of directors in the business and non-profit sectors on corporate governance, conduct of shareholders and members meetings, procedural matters, non-profit and charitable tax issues and regulatory compliance and works with charitable donors and their advisors. Cliff acts for charities and non-profit organizations of all types, in all aspects of their existence and activities.

Cliff assists his clients with estate and wills matters.

Representative Work

- Advice to national religious organization on application of *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* to its special legislation.
- Acting for environmental non-profit on financing off-balance sheet financing for energy retrofits of publicly and privately owned commercial and residential buildings.
- Establishment of trust structure to hold private company shares for benefit of public charitable foundation.
- Assisting numerous share capital social clubs on continuance under the *Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*.
- Acting as independent court-ordered chair at members' meetings.

Select Publications

- Social Clubs with Share Capital and the ONCA – June 21, 2018
- Now in Effect: Amendments to Ontario Charities and Not-For-Profit Laws – December 19, 2017
- Registering a Charity in Canada – August 28, 2017
- Lexis Nexis Practice Advisor, *Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act*
- *Nathan's Company Meetings for Share Capital and Non-Share Capital Corporations* 13th ed.), 2024, co-author, LexisNexis
- "Special Challenges of Special Act Corporations" (Canadian Bar Association, 2013)

Select Articles

- Changes to the Rules on Gifts and Exports of Cultural Property, Registered Charities and Political Advocacy - 5/23/2019
- Charities Carrying on Activities Through an Agent or Intermediary - 9/16/2016
- Dealing With Corporate Disputes - Planning To Avoid Disputes - 2/23/2016
- Directors' Duties to the Corporation: Focus on Dual Loyalty - 11/12/2015
- Ontario Postpones implementation of new Not-for-Profit Corporations Act - 9/22/2015
- Update on Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 - 7/4/2013
- Dual Loyalty on Non-Profit Boards: Serving Two Masters - 5/6/2011



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Recognition

- Chambers and Partners, recognized for Charities/Non-Profits Nationwide Canada
- Lexpert consistently recommended for Charities/Not For Profit Law
- Best Lawyers in Canada for Charities / Non-Profit Law
- Recognized in Best Lawyers in Toronto
- Recipient of the 2012 AMS/John Hodgson Award of the Ontario Bar Association Charity & Not-for-Profit Section for excellence in the sector

Professional Involvement

- Past Chair of the Charity & Not-for-Profit Law Section of the Ontario Bar Association, 2018-2019
current ONCA Working Group Chair
- Law Society of Ontario
- Canadian Bar Association, Charities and Not-for-Profit Section, current CNCA Working Group Chair

Pro Bono

- Friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection at the Toronto Reference Library (Chairman)
- International Churchill Society Canada (Director)
- The World Remembers 1914-1918 (Director)
- Canadian Institute for Mediterranean Studies (Director and Secretary)
- The Bootmakers of Toronto (Honorary Solicitor)
- Ontario Volunteer Service Award, June 17, 2008, for service to Toronto Public Library