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Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 1970

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An experienced corporate and commercial lawyer with an emphasis on banking, insolvency law and financial restructuring, Robbie balances a busy practice with a healthy dose of volunteer work. Currently serving as Chair of the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia, he is a past president of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, a past chair of the Canadian Bar Association (NS) and a Fellow of the Insolvency Institute of Canada. Robbie has appeared in the courts of Alberta, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec on insolvency and restructuring cases.

Practice Areas

Banking & Financing

Bankruptcy, Receivership & Insolvency

Commercial Transactions/Agreements

Corporate Formation/Reorganization

Real Property

Securities

Education & Career

Education

University of London, LL.M., 1970 (mark of distinction)

Dalhousie University, LL.B., 1969

Dalhousie University, B.A., 1966

Activities

Chair, Law Foundation of Nova Scotia

Member, Insolvency Institute of Canada (Board of Directors, 2004-2010)

Member, Canadian Bar Association (past president, Nova Scotia Branch)

Canadian Corporate Counsel Association (co-chair, Annual Meeting, 2000)

Past chair, Canadian Law Information Council

Director, Federation of Law Societies of Canada, 2001-2004

Member, INSOL International

Member and past president, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

Member, Ethics Committee, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, 2002-2009

Member, Real Estate Task Force, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, 2004-2007

Accolades

Best Lawyers 2021 Banking and Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Halifax

King's Counsel, 1986

Best Lawyers Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Halifax 2024, 2019, 2016, and 2011

Who's Who Legal: Canada 2016 – 2020, 2023 (Insolvency & Restructuring)

Best Lawyers: Banking and Finance, 2006, 2008-2024

Best Lawyers: Corporate Law, 2006, 2008-2024

Best Lawyers: Derivatives Law, 2006, 2008-2024

Best Lawyers: Insolvency and Financial Restructuring, 2006, 2008-2024

2003-2012, Member, Lexpert/American Lawyer Media's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers

Recipient, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Distinguished Service Award, 2011

Fellow, Insolvency Institute of Canada, 2008

Lexpert rating: Banking & Financial Institutions, 2010 – 2013, 2016 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Corporate Commercial Law, 2010 – 2013, 2015 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Insolvency & Financial Restructuring, 2010 – 2013, 2015 – 2020, 2023

Lexpert rating: Mergers & Acquisitions, 2016 – 2017, 2021, 2023

Lexpert rating: Corporate Mid-Market, 2010 – 2013, 2018, 2022

Lexpert rating: Employment, 2014

Martindale-Hubbell rating: AV Preeminent® (highest peer rating)

Publications

Robbie served on the editorial advisory board of the Annual Review of Insolvency Law from 2003 to 2018 and is a member of the editorial board of the Commercial Insolvency Reporter.

Presentations

Robbie has organized programs, written, lectured and participated on panels for various organizations including the Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals (CAIRP), Canadian Bar Association, Nova Scotia CLE and the Law Society of New Brunswick as well as Dalhousie, Saint Mary's and Queen's Universities