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Jim Hedley has practised law in a variety of fields for over 30 years, having participated as a partner within both small and large law firms in Winnipeg. He completed his Bachelor of Laws at the University of Manitoba and was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1976.

He has been conducting sports arbitrations and adjudications since 2001, has adjudicated discipline hearings for The Law Society of Manitoba since 1996 and has sat as a Commissioner/Adjudicator for The Manitoba Securities Commission since 2006.

Mr. Hedley's background and interest in sport began early - in competition (football, basketball, hockey, and track and field - football at the Canadian Intercollegiate level) evolving into coaching in the mid 1970's to the late 1990's. His two adult daughters were also student-athletes at the University of Manitoba (hockey).

As a volunteer in various areas of sport, Mr. Hedley took a lead role in the formation and development of Special Olympics Manitoba (was a co-founder of Special Olympics in Manitoba and served as President of its Board of Directors). He also served as the President of the Board of the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame. He provides informal advice from time-to-time to Sport Manitoba and individual sport organizations.

In 1992, Mr. Hedley received the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, "in recognition of significant contributions to compatriots, community and to Canada".

Mr. Hedley has served his professional organization, The Law Society of Manitoba, as an elected Bencher, member of its Competence and Discipline Committees and has lectured for The Law Society of Manitoba on various subjects, including ethics, since 1986. He has been a Sessional Lecturer at the University of Manitoba Law School.

He remains keenly interested in sports in general and is pleased that he can contribute to the sport culture through his chosen profession as a lawyer and through the arbitration/mediation process in which he is also keenly interested.