



Thomas G. Heintzman O.C., Q.C., LL.D. (Hon.), FCI Arb

Biography

Thomas G. Heintzman specializes in the field of alternative dispute resolution and practices as a mediator and arbitrator at Arbitration Place in Toronto.

As a well-known and experienced litigator for over 40 years, he has acted as a mediator and counsel in trials and appeals and arbitrations in Ontario, Newfoundland, Manitoba, British Columbia and New Brunswick and he has made numerous appearances before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Since 2012, Mr. Heintzman has acted as an independent arbitrator and mediator. He has arbitrated and mediated disputes relating to a wide variety of subject matters including insurance, construction law, corporate law and oppression remedies, class actions, franchises, leasehold disputes and claims against financial advisors, lawyers, real estate agents and the government. Mr. Heintzman has successfully conducted multi-party mediations of complex construction disputes.

Mr. Heintzman was a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada for 8 years (2003-2011). In that capacity, he presided over many conduct hearings and pre-hearing conferences and wrote numerous decisions. Those reported decisions may be viewed by entering his name in www.canlii.org under Ontario and Law Society Tribunal.

Mr. Heintzman is a member of the hearing panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) and decisions written by him may be viewed by searching discipline decisions and entering his name on IIROC's website: www.iiroc.ca.

Mr. Heintzman was the President of the Canadian Bar Association from 1994 to 1995. He served on the National Executive of the Canadian Bar Association between 1991 and 1996, and he was the President of the Ontario Bar Association (then known as the Canadian Bar Association—Ontario) from 1989 to 1990.

Mr. Heintzman is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and is a past Chair of the Toronto Chapter of CI Arb. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

In 1980, Mr. Heintzman was appointed Queen's Counsel, and in 1998 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. In 2008, Mr. Heintzman received the Ontario Bar Association Award for Excellence in Civil Litigation. In 2017, the Law Society of Upper Canada conferred an honorary Doctorate of Laws on Mr. Heintzman.

Mr. Heintzman is a past adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School (Trial Advocacy), the University of Toronto Law School (Computers and the Law; Contested Corporate Transactions) and Western Law School (Alternative Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice; 2015); and is an adjunct professor at Western Law School (Advanced Contract Issues; 2012-2016).

Mr. Heintzman was educated at Harvard University {1962, BA *cum laude* in economics), the University of London {1967, LLB) and Osgoode Hall Law School {1966, LLB). He was called to the bars of Ontario and Newfoundland in 1968 and 1977, respectively. In 2010 Mr. Heintzman attended the Harvard Law School Mediation Workshop.

Mr. Heintzman is the author of *Heintzman & Goldsmith on Canadian Building Contracts* {5th edition) which provides an analysis of the law of building contracts in Canada. It has been cited in over 180 judicial decisions. Mr. Heintzman writes articles on arbitration and construction law that can be viewed on www.heintzmanadr.com and www.constructionlawcanada.com

Mr. Heintzman is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Advocates' Society, the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association, ADR Institute of Ontario and the Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society.

Mr. Heintzman is a director of the Rideau Hall Foundation, a past director of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada and Alliance Francaise (Toronto), past Trustee of the Canadian Outward Bound Wilderness School and Youtheatre Ontario, past Chairman of the Upper Canada College Association and the Upper Canada College Foundation, past Governor of Upper Canada College, and past President of the Harvard Club of Toronto. He was a founding summer counsellor and is a past director of Camp Oochigeas Oncology Camp for Children.