

William (Mick) L. Ryan, Q.C.

William L. Ryan, Q.C., is known as Mick Ryan. He received his Bachelor of Commerce degree from Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and subsequent thereto obtained his LL.B. from Dalhousie University and also obtained his Master of Laws degree (LL.M) from the University of London, England. He is a senior partner at the law firm of Stewart McKelvey and has practiced with that firm (and its predecessors) since his admission to the Nova Scotia bar in 1972. He is also a member of the New Brunswick Barristers' Society and has appeared in Courts in most of the provinces throughout Canada.

During his years in university he played on varsity basketball and volleyball teams for the universities he attended. He has played basketball in England and Europe and participated in the Senior Canadian Basketball Championships in the past. He has coached basketball at the junior high, high school, and was an assistant coach at the university levels. He acted as President of the Halifax Senior Basketball league, Nova Scotia Senior Basketball league and President of Basketball Nova Scotia. He has also served as a Board member for Basketball Canada and was Basketball Canada's representative at the Canada Winter Games held in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

In 2013 he was a gold medalist at the World Masters' game along with other members of a Canadian team from Ontario and Nova Scotia in their basketball category.

He is an accomplished arbitrator and mediator and has been appointed by the Federal Government in various arbitrations dealing with construction claims. In addition, he sits on the appeal panel for the Atlantic University Sports dealing with appeals from disciplinary action taken against athletes or coaches.

He is still very active in various sports and has a firm understanding of athletics, coaching and the problems that sometimes emanate therefrom. He has an understanding of the passion, emotion, dedication and sacrifices which are required by coaches and athletes in pursuing their national and international dreams.