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1998

1994

Stephanie Leah Fabbro, K.C. Partner, Hamilton Fabbro

PROFILE

- Recognized leader in the British Columbia family law bar, specializing in consensual dispute resolution.
- Experienced parenting coordinator, arbitrator, mediator, and collaborative lawyer.
- Conducted over 1,000 days of mediation since 2013.
- Conducts approximately 90 to 100 mediations annually.
- Skilled in mediating high-conflict family disputes, both with counsel and self-represented parties; sensitive to power imbalances and trained in trauma-informed practice.
- Regular instructor in family law, parenting coordination, and mediation, teaching at the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law, the Law Society of BC's Professional Legal Training Course, Continuing Legal Education BC, and other professional organizations.
- Trained in interviewing children to gather their views for use in court proceedings, mediation, and parenting coordination.
- Provide consensual dispute resolution services for parenting coordinators and families through the BC Parenting Coordinator Roster Society.
- Appointed to the Dispute Resolution Tribunal for the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, as a Resolution Facilitator, Mediator, and Safe Sport Mediator.

WORK HISTORY

Hamilton Fabbro, Vancouver, B.C. Partner, lawyer, mediator, parenting coordinator, and arbitrator	2008 - Present
Boutique family law firm, specializing in complex family law disputes Karen. F. Nordlinger and Associates, Vancouver, BC Associate lawyer, boutique family law litigation firm	2000 - 2008
Evans MacIsaac McMillan, Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia Associate lawyer, full-service law firm	1999 - 2000
Baker Newby, Abbotsford, BC Articling student / summer student	1998 - 1999, summer 1997
Correctional Services Canada, Matsqui Institution, Abbotsford, BC 1997	1995 -1996, summer
Correctional officer and social development officer	

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws, from the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia Bachelor of Arts, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC

ACCREDITATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Sports Dispute Resolution of Canada, appointed to Dispute Resolution Tribunal 2029	May 2025 - April
Certified Family Law Mediator, through Law Society of BC	2013
Certified Family Law Arbitrator, through Law Society of BC	2013
Certified Parenting Coordinator, through Law Society of BC	2013
Collaborative Family Lawer	2015
Law Society of British Columbia, called and still practicing	1999
Law Society of Nova Scotia, called, but no longer a member of the Nova Scotia Bar	1999

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND LEADERSHIP ROLES

British Columbia Collaborative Roster Society

- President, 2022–2024
- Board of Directors Member, 2012–present
- Roster Member, 2010–present

Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie Law Alumni Association

British Columbia Branch President, May 2019 to present

- Family Law Organizer, British Columbia Courthouse Libraries
 - Chair, Steering Committee, 2020–present
 - Steering Committee Member, 2019–present

British Columbia Parenting Coordinators Roster Society

- Board of Directors Member, 10 years
 - Roster Member, 2009–present

British Columbia Parenting Assessor Roster Society

- Executive Committee Member (not on roster), 2024 to present
- Canadian Bar Association British Columbia Branch, Family Law Section
 - Co-Chair, 2010–2013
 - Executive Committee Member, 2004–2014
- Member, 1999–present

Family Law Advocates Group

• Member, 2013–2022, 2024–present

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

Member, 2013–present

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP)

• Member, 2009–present

Collaborative Divorce Vancouver

Member, 2007–present

SEVEN24Films Inc.

• Legal Consultant for Family Law (four season television drama on Global TV), 2019-2024

North Shore Winter Club (NSWC), North Vancouver, BC

- Membership Committee Member (subcommittee of Board of Directors), 2013–2021, 2024–March 2025
- Executive Member, Marlins Swim Team, 2012–present

British Columbia Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA)

Vancouver & District Region Board Member, 2012–2019

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Awarded King's Counsel (K.C.) designation May 2025
- Named to Best Lawyers in Canada in Family Law and Family Law Mediation (2020-present)
- Repeatedly recognized as a Lexpert-Ranked Lawyer in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory (2021– 2025) for contributions to the field of family law
- Hamilton Fabbro recognized by The Globe and Mail as one of Canada's Best Law Firms (2023–2025)
- 2024 Volunteer of the Year Marlins Swim Team, North Shore Winter Club