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Educational/Professional Memberships

B.A. University of British Columbia, 1977; M.A. Sussex University, 1978; LL.B. University of British Columbia, 1981; and LL.M., Columbia University, 1984. He is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia; the Canadian Bar Association and other professional associations.

Current Position

Senior Principal Research Fellow, NUS Centre for International Law; Barrister & Solicitor (British Columbia) and international arbitrator

Professional Experience

After graduating from law school, he clerked at the British Columbia Court of Appeal and articulated at Ladner Downs, Barristers and Solicitors. Thereafter, he taught at two Canadian law schools (University of Ottawa and the University of British Columbia), worked for the Government of Canada (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade during the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement negotiations and then rejoined Ladner Downs, becoming a partner, until he formed Thomas & associates (later Thomas & Partners) in 1993. In 2008, the partners and associates of Thomas & Partners joined Borden Ladner Gervais LLP and Mr Thomas became a consultant to that firm. In June 2012, he joined the NUS Centre for International Law.

Arbitration Experience

Mr. Thomas has acted or is acting as an arbitrator in many arbitration matters governed by the rules of many institutions including the ICSID, ICSID Additional Facility, ICC and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. He also acted as an arbitral panel member in three dispute settlement proceedings under Canada's Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT). He has also acted as a panellist in GATT, Canada-US Free Trade Agreement, and WIPO domain name disputes.

Publications

"The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)' in J. William Rowley, Arbitration World: Jurisdictional Comparison European Lawyer Reference Series (2006) and many others.

Languages

English