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Bryan Schwartz has a long career as a practising legal counsel with Pitblado as well as an academic. With versatility to go along with his skills, Bryan has research, written briefs and advocated in forums ranging from the Supreme Court of Canada to the House of Commons to public hearings on the environment.

“Values aren’t just words, they’re what we live by.”

He has worked extensively in the area of Public law, including Constitutional, Charter, Aboriginal, Environmental, Human rights and International law. In the area of Commercial and Business law, he has been involved with business transactions, commercial arbitration and litigation and e-commerce, pension and benefits law and privacy law. Bryan’s work in Aboriginal law has included working for a over a decade with the Assembly of First Nations of policy and drafting work in connection with the new specific claims tribunal. He frequently advises governments, organizations and individuals on legal issues involving policy development or legislative reform.

Bryan is the Asper Professor of International Business and Trade Law at the University of Manitoba. He holds a LL.B. from Queen’s and a Master’s and Doctorate in law from Yale Law School. He is the author of eight books and over seventy academic articles in a wide variety of areas, including constitutional and international law, law and economics and law and literature. He is also the founding editor of three law journal: the Asper Review of International Business and Trade Law and Underneath the Golden Boy, an annual review of legislative developments in Manitoba, and is now the co-editor of the Manitoba Law Journal. He has often appeared as a media commentator, and has published op-ed pieces in newspapers such as the Winnipeg Free Press, Ottawa Citizen and Globe and Mail. Over the years, he has received numerous awards and honours for teaching, research and community service.



Q&A

- Q: Most important thing I didn’t learn at school?**
A: The rule of law is qualified by the fact that some people in power just make stuff up.
- Q: Favorite website?**
A: My son’s blog - let the Schwartz be with you.
- Q: Favorite quote?**
A: “Why the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper is not for us to know.”

PRACTICE AREAS

- Aboriginal Law
- Business
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Labour and Employment

LECTURES, SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Editor-In-Chief, “A Review of the Current Legal Landscape”, Manitoba Law Journal Vol. 38, no. 1, 2015
- Editor-In-Chief, “Underneath The Golden Boy”, Manitoba Law Journal Vol. 38, no. 1, 2015

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL

- LL.B., Queen’s University, 1978
- LL.M., Yale University, 1979
- J.S.D., Yale University, 1986
- Admitted to the Bar Ontario, 1981
- Admitted to the Bar Manitoba, 1984
- Law Society of Manitoba



ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL

- Former Chair, Constitutional Law Section, Canadian Bar Association
- Chair, Legal Research Institute, University of Manitoba
- International Bar Association
- Constitutional Counsel before Supreme Court of Canada
- Patriation Reference, 1981
- Secession Reference, 1998
- Arbitrator, NAFTA Arbitration – S.D. Myers v. Canada
- Professor, University of Manitoba