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Senior counsel to the Firm and former managing partner and Chair of a predecessor firm.



“We say what we mean and mean what we say.”

David serves as an advocate, negotiator and peace builder. David serves as a facilitator of restorative justice processes and as an educator in the field of peace, conflict resolution, and human rights.

David has experience representing clients at all court levels including the Supreme Court of Canada as well as before numerous labour and other administrative tribunals.

David served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) (1995-1999) and as a Minister in the Manitoba Government (1997-1999) of Northern and Native Affairs, Energy and Mines, Community Economic Development Fund, and Manitoba Hydro.

David has a passion for the integration of peace, justice, and human rights practices within and amongst organizations.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Aboriginal Law
- Labour and Employment
 - Employment
 - Human Rights
 - Labour Relations
 - Respectful Workplace Issues
 - Workers Compensation and Workplace Safety and Health

LECTURES, SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

- Rotary’s Pathway to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples (Pathways to Reconciliation Conference June, 2016)
- Series on Peace in 2016 (Community News Commons, 2016)
- Workplace Harassment Liability for Employers (Pitblado Blog, February 2012)

Q&A

- Q: Favorite legal experience to date?**
A: Reviewing the civil justice system.
- Q: When I’m not at work?**
A: The importance of public service.
- Q: Why is law like elementary school?**
A: It is safer to play by the rules.

LECTURES, SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

- A Double Standard: Indians Are Not Protected Against Political Discrimination (Manitoba Law Journal Fall 2007)
- Punitive Damages: A Way to Justice for Victims of Institutional Abuse of Power (Annual Review of Civil Litigation 2005, Carswell)
- Insights on Aboriginal Self Government From a Manitoba Perspective – a Holistic Introduction to Some Continuing Journeys Toward Strong Sustainable Aboriginal Urban and Remote Communities (April, 2001)
- Brain Gain: Aboriginal Value Added and Immigrant Value Added (March, 2001)
- A Lesson for all Non-Aboriginal Canadians – Restorative Justice? (July, 2000)
- Crossing the river between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals together (April, 2000)
- Manitoba Civil Justice Review Task Force Report (September, 1996)
- Numerous articles and speeches and lectures on labour relations and employment law topics (1978-1985)



HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Awarded "Senate of Canada Sesquicentennial Medal for Recognition of Valuable Service to Canada, 2017
- Awarded "The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal" in recognition of significant contribution to Manitoba – 2012
- The 2008 Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service from Dalhousie Law School Alumni Association
- Harry Mardon Award for outstanding service by a director to the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce (2007)
- Appointed Queen's Counsel (1999)
- Eagle Feather & Star Blankets & Metis Sash for service to aboriginal peoples (1997-1999)
- Canada 125 Commemorative Medal (1992) in recognition of significant contribution to compatriots, community, and Canada

COMMUNITY

- Board member of Rotarian Action Group for Peace (July 2016-2019)
- Board member of Honouring Indigenous Peoples (July 2016-2019)
- Co-Chair and Co-Founder Rotary International District 5550 World Peace Partners Committee and Peace Days of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg
- Facilitator Residential Schools Response Group for Diocese of Ruperts' Land in partnership with Indigenous Council of the Diocese and co-chair of "Responding in Love Campaign" of Anglican Diocese of Ruperts' Land (2004-2006)
- Past Trustee Manitoba Marathon Foundation Inc. (2000-2003)
- Past Chair Manitoba Cardiac Institute (Reh-Fit) Centre Inc. (1984-1987) first Chair of Manitoba Cardiac Institute (Reh-Fit) Foundation Inc. (2000) and Past Chair and member of Foundation Board and Chair of Capital Fund Raising (2003-2006)
- Past Chair – Healthy Living Awards Annual recognition and fundraising events (2001-2003)
- Founding member Bishop Grandin Greenways Inc. (2001)
- Citizen Advisory Board Member Salvation Army (2000-2009) and Life Member from May 28, 2009
- Member of church choir of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church (2000-)
- Member of Manitoba Legislative Assembly for Riel (1995-1999) and Cabinet Minister for Energy and Mines, Northern Affairs and Deputy House Leader, and Minister responsible for Native Affairs, Manitoba Hydro and Community Development Fund (1997-1999)
- Past President of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg (1994-1995) and a member (1983-)

COMMUNITY

- Board member of Canadian Chamber of Commerce (1988-1990)
- Past Chair (then called President) of the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce (1989-1990)
- Representative of Manitoba Chambers of Commerce on First Peoples Development for Industry Advisory Board
- Member of the Law Reform Commission of Manitoba (1979-1982)
- Member of Anglican Diocese of Ruperts' Land Finance and Administration Committee (1980s) and chair of task force about Anglican Island
- Chair of St. Paul's Anglican Church parish council, fundraising chair and vestry member at various times (1975-1984)
- Active Member of Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce (1970-1986) and past chair of labour relations committee
- Hockey Coach and Board member for Southdale Community Club from time to time 1970s and 1980s
- Life member actively involved in Manitoba Progressive Conservative Party (1969-) and co-chaired one annual meeting (1971) and one leadership convention (1972)
- Actively involved in Progressive Conservative Party of Canada/Conservative Party (1969-)
- Member of Zeta Psi Fraternity (1962-)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL

- Senior counsel to Pitblado LLP, a successor firm to Pitblado & Hoskin and Pitblado Buchwald Asper (1999-)
- Commissioner on the Nunavut Planning Commission (November 2006-October/November 2009)
- Chair of a National Joint Board of Investigation (2003-2004)
- Parliamentarian at numerous general meetings (2001-)
- Sessional lecturer University of Winnipeg (2000-2001), Aboriginal People and the Law
- Honorary Legal Counsel Rotary International District 5550 (2004-)
- Member of organizing committee of National Restorative Justice Conference (2000-2002)
- Queen's Counsel Manitoba (1998)
- Chair of Review of Civil Justice System of Manitoba (1995-1996) and report October, 1996
- Legislative Assistant to Minister of Justice of Manitoba (1995-1996)
- Helped lead Pitblado & Hoskin into an international network of independent law firms now called Meritas (1994-)
- Chair of Pitblado & Hoskin (1988-1995)



ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL

- Managing Partner of Pitblado & Hoskin (1987-1988)
- Merged Newman & Company with Pitblado & Hoskin (1985) and senior partner (1985-1995)
- Founder Newman & Company (November, 1978) and led firm (1978-1985)
- Past representative for all Manitoba employers (management at large) on Labour Management Review Committee (1982-1987)
- Served as Board member on Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties for one term in 1970s
- Chair and presenter of papers at various educational labour relations, environmental and employment and other legal programs for Manitoba Bar Association, Canadian Bar Association and Chambers of Commerce (1970-)
- Articled with Newman, MacLean & Associates (1968-1969), became partner in 1973, practised there (1968-November, 1978)
- Manitoba Bar Association member (1970-) and past Chair of labour Relations Subsection (1971-1973) and (1985-1986)
- Participant in "Thursday Night Club" delivering Pro Bono legal services in 1970 in Winnipeg for Law Society of Manitoba
- Canadian Bar Association member (1969-)
- Law Society of Manitoba member (1969-)
- Admitted to the Bar Manitoba 1969
- LL.B. 1968 Dalhousie Law School and law student (1965-1968)
- Vice-President & Executive Director of the organizing Committee of the National Centennial Conference of Canadian Law Students hosted by Dalhousie Law School in Oct 1967 and contributing editor to the publication of conference proceedings: "Confederation : A Look Ahead"
- St. John's College, University of Manitoba (1961-1964)
- Graduated from Vincent Massey Collegiate, Winnipeg 1961 and served as treasurer of student council (1960-1961)