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PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative • Corporate & Commercial • Corporate Services • Energy & Natural Resources
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BIOGRAPHY

Todd is a partner in the St. John's office of Cox & Palmer. He joined Cox & Palmer as counsel after a career in the public service of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador which culminated with his appointment and service as Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General with the Department of Justice and Public Safety.

Todd's 16-year career with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador included roles both as solicitor and in management. As solicitor, he acted as lead counsel for the province in a broad range of government's commercial, regulatory and administrative activities. These included serving as lead counsel on major offshore energy developments, mega-project participation and financing, the creation and governance of Crown corporations, as well as participation in the drafting of the legislative frameworks governing the development of the province's offshore.

The scope of his government practice also included involvement in all forms of public legal practice, including administrative law, constitutional law, regulatory enforcement, and human resources and collective bargaining matters. His management experience included serving as the head of government's internal law firm, as well as Assistant Deputy Minister of Courts and Legal Services, prior to serving in senior management as Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General.

Prior to joining government in 2001, Todd was an associate at Cox & Palmer for 5 years, practising in corporate commercial and energy and natural resources law, having articulated with the firm upon graduation from the University of Toronto.

Todd was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2016.

EXPERIENCE

Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General of the Department of Justice and Public Safety of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador:

- Led an executive team of a department of approximately 1500 employees with a budget of \$243 Million and responsible for the overall justice system including Public Prosecution, the Provincial and Supreme Courts, the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, Adult and Youth Corrections, the Human Rights Commission, and the Legal Aid Commission
- Provided legal support to the political and executive leadership of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Managed a legal staff of 35 solicitors, as well as the retention, instruction and monitoring of outside counsel

General counsel for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for offshore petroleum-related matters, including:

- Lead counsel in the negotiation and conclusion of the original commercial arrangements on major offshore petroleum development projects

- Lead counsel on the drafting of the original generic petroleum royalty regime applicable in the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore
- Counsel for legal issues relating to the delineation of inter-provincial offshore jurisdictional boundaries

General counsel on electricity-related matters, including:

- General counsel on the creation and governance of the province's energy crown corporation
- Lead counsel on Government preparation for energy mega-project development, including legislative amendments to establish the legal framework for the project and Government's participation in the financing and structure of the project

General counsel on commercial transactions, including:

- Counsel respecting commercial involvement in the resource industries, including advice relating to financing transactions, regulation regimes, constitutional jurisdictions and responsibilities
- Counsel on bankruptcy and insolvency issues and proceedings, including CCAA proceedings
- Lead counsel on matters relating to equalization negotiations with the Government of Canada
- Counsel on Newfoundland and Labrador's acquisition of a \$200 million student loan portfolio

Counsel on Government's public service collective bargaining negotiations and pension reform negotiations.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Listed as a leading practitioner in 2021 by the publication Best Lawyers in Canada in the areas of Administrative and Public Law, Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law, and Oil and Gas Law.

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador

BAR ADMISSION

- Newfoundland and Labrador (1996)

LAW SCHOOL

- University of Toronto

EDUCATION

- Memorial University (B.Comm. (Honours), 1992)
- University of Toronto (LL.B. (Honours), 1995)

PUBLICATIONS

- Required to Register as a Lobbyist? Another 2020 Surprise for Business.
- COVID-19 Travel Restrictions in Atlantic Canada - A Summary for Business Travelers
- Newfoundland and Labrador's COVID-19 Response – Information for Businesses
- Overview of the New Legal Era for Development Projects in the NL Offshore

- Bill C-69 – A Slightly Unfinished Work in the Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore
- Agreement on the Atlantic Accord
- Post-Incident Alcohol and Drug Testing Addressed by NL Court of Appeal

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Lecturer as the Bar Admission Course for the Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador (HST in Real Estate Transactions)
- Lecturer at the Faculty of Business Administration at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador (Introduction to Business Law)

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Director of the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador