

SHORT BIO OF CHRISTIAN STEVEN TACIT

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Called to the Following Bars: Ontario (1989), Alberta (2005), Northwest Territories (2009), Nunavut (2009), British Columbia (2017)
Trade-mark agent in Canada since 1991
Professional Engineer in Ontario since 1983

EDUCATION

ADR Institute of Ontario Practical Ethics for Working Mediators	2022
Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society Gold Standard Course in Commercial Arbitration	2022
Master in Business Administration (MBA), University of Ottawa	1987
Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Ottawa	1987
Bachelor of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering (B. App. Sc.- Elec. Eng.) with Minor in Management Science, University of Waterloo	1981

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE

Drawing on almost four decades of technical, business and legal experience, Chris is the founder of Tacit Law, a boutique law firm having a staff of eight lawyers and other experts that provide a broad range of legal and consulting services to clients in the information technology, communications, regulated industries, and broader commercial, public and not-for-profit sectors.

Chris's practice areas include corporate, commercial, not-for-profit, privacy, communications, information technology, intellectual property, administrative, competition, regulated industries and employment law, wills and estates, alternate dispute resolution, as well as commercial, tribunal and appellate advocacy and litigation. In addition to providing traditional legal services, he assists clients with strategic planning, governance, risk management, business reviews, commercial transactions, as well as corporate and regulatory compliance.

Chris's past professional experience includes holding a senior executive role in a publicly-traded company, being a partner in a major regional law firm and working in a national law firm. Prior to practicing law, he held various engineering and managerial positions in the private sector.

Chris has served on a number of boards including those of Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute, Ottawa Health Sciences Centre Inc., Internet Society Canada Chapter (where he was vice-chair and secretary), Ottawa Humane Society (where he was chair of the board), Toronto Internet Exchange Community (where he was chair of the board and secretary), Vancouver Internet Exchange (where he was secretary), National Capital Internet Exchange o/a Ottawa-Gatineau Internet Exchange (where he was chair) and VeloMetro Mobility Inc., a green transportation company based in Vancouver, B.C., (where he was chair and secretary). He is also very involved in Internet governance through various volunteer activities, including as a member of the Advisory Council of the American Registry for Internet Numbers.