



CURRICULUM VITAE

Mr. Mark Benton, Q.C.

CEO

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Professional Employment

2002– Present] CEO Legal Services Society

1980- Present Lawyer

Biography

Mark has been a lawyer since 1980 and has served as the CEO of the Legal Services Society (BC's legal aid provider and its largest public legal education provider) since 2002. Mark holds a B.A. from the University of British Columbia, a LL.B. from Osgoode Hall Law School, and a LL.M. from the Dalhousie University Faculty of Law. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2008.

His legal experience includes small office practice, legal aid work, appellate advocacy in the BC Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada, and four years as an adjunct professor at the UBC Faculty of Law. He is past-Chair of the Association of Legal Aid Plans of Canada and continues to work on a number of government and non-government task forces addressing justice issues of importance to Canadians. He is an active member of the International Legal Aid Group, and has an ongoing interest in justice development.

He is the co-author of a seminal 1997 article on the right to counsel in Canada.

Mark has been recognized in the B.C. Legislature as "a passionate advocate for access to justice for the economically disadvantaged in British Columbia, and he brings along with that passion great creativity in the search for solutions for how to make a difference in people's lives."