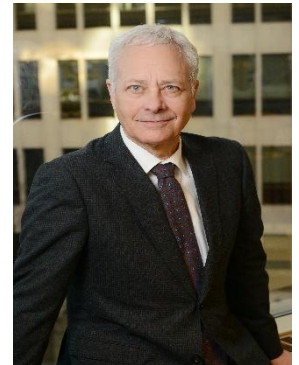


# Mr. Mark Allan Benton, QC

Chief Executive Officer  
Legal Services Society



## Professional Employment

1983- Present  
Legal Services Society

since 2003  
Chief Executive Officer

1997-2002  
Director of Tariff Services

1992-1997  
Director of Appeals

1992  
Director of Research and Planning

1987-1992  
Vancouver Regional Director

1985-1987  
Client Services Manager

1983-1985  
Managing Lawyer (Kamloops, British Columbia)

## Biography

Mark has been a lawyer since 1980 and has served as the CEO of the Legal Services Society (BC's legal aid program and largest public legal education provider) since 2003.

His legal experience includes general practice, appellate advocacy in the BC Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada, and four years as an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia Faculty Of Law. He is a past chair of the Association of Legal Aid Plans of Canada and contributes to a number of Canada's government and non-government task forces including the steering committees of the National Action Committee on Access to Civil and Family Justice and Access to Justice BC. He is currently an Executive Committee member of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice and sits on the board of directors of the Canadian Forum for Civil Justice.

Mark's recent work includes presentations to Parliamentary and Senate Committees and advising several foreign governments and NGOs on the development and administration of legal aid programs outside 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."