



Mark Benton, K.C.

- Vice Chair,
Canadian Action Committee on
Access to Justice in Civil and
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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2003 - 2022 CEO Legal Aid BC
- 1994 - 2003 Director and General Counsel Legal Aid BC
- 1983 - 1994 Lawyer and Regional Manager Legal Aid BC
- 1980 - 1983 Lawyer in private practice in Vancouver, Canada

BIOGRAPHY

Mark has been a lawyer since 1980 and served as the CEO of Legal Aid BC from 2003 to 2022. His legal practice experience includes general practice, appellate advocacy, and four years as an adjunct professor at the University Of British Columbia Faculty Of Law.

His experience includes:

- leadership in legal aid program innovation, design, implementation, governance and administration;
- chairing the Association of Legal Aid Plans of Canada;
- contributions to a number of Canada's government and non-government justice task forces;
- presentations to Canadian Parliamentary and Senate Committees about systemic problems in the justice system;
- advising several governments and NGOs on the development and administration of legal aid programs outside Canada;
- a member of the Canadian delegation to the UN 2019 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.
- Representing clients in Courts and Tribunals
- Working with the Chief Justice of BC and others to found Access to Justice BC.

Mark currently serves as the vice chair of Canadian Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters. He also works closely with the board of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice and is a board member of the Canadian Forum for Civil Justice.

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