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COURSE CHAIRS



Andrew P. Morrison — *Shields Harney, Vancouver*

Andrew Morrison is a principal of Shields Harney.

Andrew has a busy commercial litigation practice that involves a wide range of practice areas. Andrew regularly appears before the BC Supreme Court and BC Court of Appeal, as well as other courts and tribunals.

Andrew is the Co-Chair of the CLEBC courses on Chambers Practice and Affidavits.



John Douglas Shields — *Shields Harney, Vancouver*

John Douglas Shields was called to the BC bar in February 1985, after obtaining degrees in civil and common law from McGill. He is a principal in Shields Harney, a commercial litigation boutique with offices in Vancouver and Victoria. He has a varied commercial litigation practice which includes arbitrations, mediations, and civil contingency fee work, with extensive civil litigation experience throughout BC. John is a strong supporter of CLEBC, and is a frequent contributor both as chair and presenter at courses, including topics on mastering evidence, affidavit practice, chambers practice, and creditors' remedies.

FACULTY

The Honourable Victoria Gray — *Supreme Court of BC (Retired Justice), Vancouver*

The Honourable Victoria Gray was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of BC in 2001 and retired about 16 years later, in 2017. Before she became a judge, she practised commercial and general litigation with Bull, Housser & Tupper for 19 years. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1997. She received a Bachelor of Music from the University of Victoria in 1978 and an LLB from the University of Toronto in 1981. For five of the years that she practised law, Ms. Gray was also an Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of BC teaching civil litigation.

Ms. Gray maintains an interest in teaching advocacy. She is one of the authors of

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the *British Columbia Civil Trial Handbook* and is both an author and on the editorial board for *Introducing Evidence at Trial: A British Columbia Handbook*.

Ms. Gray was Chair of her court's Civil Law Committee from 2008 to 2011, and a member from 2008 to 2017. She was Chair of her court's Executive Committee from 2010 to 2011. She makes frequent presentations for the CLEBC.

Ms. Gray was on a judicial study leave from September 2012 to April 2013, during which she worked on a project involving self-represented litigants and the law of evidence.



Master Shelagh Scarth — *Supreme Court of BC, Vancouver*

Master Shelagh Scarth has a Law degree from Oxford University, 1983. Called to the bar in 1984, practising at McCarthy Tetrault. Appointed Master of the Supreme Court in November, 2000.



Heather M.B. Ferris — *Lawson Lundell LLP, Vancouver*

Heather Ferris is a senior practitioner in the areas of banking and insolvency law, with an emphasis on large-scale insolvencies, restructurings and corporate work-outs with a particular focus on real estate insolvencies. She routinely represents institutional lenders, including the Bank of Montreal and HSBC Bank Canada, Trustees in Bankruptcy and Receivers. Heather also advises significant financial services clients with respect to insolvencies, realizations and the recovery of defaulted commercial loans.

Heather has also had significant experience representing and advising companies in the process of restructuring under insolvency legislation. She is the Past Chair of the BC Insolvency Section of the Canadian Bar Association and the current National Chair of the National Insolvency Section and has published numerous papers and articles on insolvency topics.



Gregory N. Harney — *Shields Harney, Victoria*

Gregory N. Harney specializes in business litigation with an emphasis on franchise disputes, landlord/tenant, shareholder/partnership, regulatory and disciplinary matters, employment, and construction/development disputes.

Greg has been active in franchising issues for over 25 years including providing advice on franchise agreements and drafting packages for developing franchisors.

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Greg was called to the bar in 1983 and joined a medium-sized Vancouver firm at which he subsequently became a partner. He left that firm in 1998 to establish Shields Harney.

Greg is senior counsel at Shields Harney, and has appeared frequently before all levels of court in BC, as well as before the Trade-Mark Opposition Board, the Federal Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Greg advises clients across Canada as well as in the United States, and has arbitrated many times using the domestic and international arbitration rules as both counsel and arbitrator.



Alastair Wade — *Shields Harney, Vancouver*

Alastair Wade is a trial and appellate counsel in civil and commercial matters. He practised two years in London England for the international law firm, Freshfields. He has a particular interest in administrative law and professional regulation. He conducts disciplinary hearings for a wide variety of professional regulators and is regularly consulted on judicial review applications on administrative law issues.

He is a frequent lecturer on administrative law and practise issues, particularly chambers applications and costs.

He is co-author of “I’m not a lawyer, your Honour: Tips for Dealing with the self-represented litigant.”