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He is a graduate of both the University of Victoria (Honours- Political Science, 1972) and the University of British Columbia (Law- 1976).

He has spent the majority of his professional career(1977-79 and again from 1982-2001) as a practicing lawyer in British Columbia with particular expertise in commercial and estate law and practice. He also has had considerable experience and knowledge of constitutional law having taught courses for many years in Constitutional law and Canadian Government and Politics at the University of Victoria in both the Department of Political Science and the Graduate School of Public Administration.

Mike has had a vast experience working in Parliament and legislatures for and with federal and provincial cabinet ministers, MPs and MLAs. He first worked in the minority House of Commons under the Parliamentary Internship Scholarship Program from 1972-73. From 1979-1980 he served as Legislative and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Defence and Veterans' Affairs in Ottawa and subsequently as Ministerial Assistant to the Minister of Industry and Small Business Development for the Province of British Columbia from 1980-82.

Since 2001, he has served in various senior executive parliamentary and political positions in Ottawa. From 2001-2005 he was the Deputy-Director and then Director of Policy and Research in the Office of the Leader of the Opposition. From 2005-2007 he served as Executive Director of the Conservative Party of Canada. From January, 2007 to October, 2008 he then served as the Senior Policy Advisor for Legislation and Democratic Reform to the Government House Leader.

He was then engaged in some research and lecturing including the publication of an article for the Frontier Centre for Public Policy on the taxation of crown corporations in Canada. Since April of 2009, he has been employed as a Strategic Advisor and General Manager of Crestview.

He has also been a veteran of over 12 federal election campaigns at both the local and national level as well as over half a dozen provincial campaigns in British Columbia

Mike has been married to his wife Marilyn for 38 years and has been blessed with three sons and four granddaughters.