

## **CRAIG A. ZAWADA, Q.C.**

### **PERSONAL PROFILE**

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#### **OVERVIEW:**

Craig Zawada is Chief Executive Officer and co-owner of WMCZ Lawyers & Mediators in Saskatoon, Canada. His prior legal experience includes:

- **Intellectual Property** - including licensing, trade-marks, computer law, Internet law, biotechnology law and copyright.
- **Commercial Law** – Including business transfers, mergers & acquisitions, contracts, income tax and GST related matters, succession planning and corporate law
- **Environmental Law** – Including waste minimization, water resources, contaminated land remediation and air quality issues.

Craig attended the College of Commerce (now the Edwards School of Business) at the University of Saskatchewan from 1979-1982 and received his LL.B. from Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Ontario. He was called to the Alberta Bar in 1986 and the Saskatchewan Bar in 1987.

#### **EDUCATION:**

**1979-82**

**College of Commerce**

University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Majors: Computer Science, Finance

Dean's List 1979-1982

**1982-85**

**Osgoode Hall Law School**

Toronto, Ontario

Bachelor of Laws (Honors)

Awarded Harold J. Rubenstein Prize in  
Restitution Law

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- 1990-92**                      **In-Depth Tax Course**  
Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants
- 2006-08**                      **The Directors College**  
(a joint venture of McMaster University and the  
Conference Board of Canada).  
Obtained Chartered Director (C.Dir) designation

#### **LEGAL CAREER:**

- 1985-86**                      Student-At-Law and Associate  
Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer  
Barristers & Solicitors  
Calgary, Alberta
- 1987- 1996**                  Associate and Partner  
MacDermid Lamarsh  
Barristers & Solicitors  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1996 - Present**              Co-owner and CEO  
Wallace Meschishnick Clackson Zawada  
Lawyers - Mediators  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

#### **PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY:**

##### **Current Memberships**

- Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Canadian Bar Association
- Saskatoon Bar Association
- Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce
- Saskatchewan Capital Network
- Canadian IT Law Association

##### **Current positions**

- Chair, Saskatchewan Research Council
- Director, Saskatchewan Capital Network
- Fellow, Centre for Studies in Agriculture, Law and the Environment (CSALE)

- Registered trade-mark agent for Canada

### **Past Positions**

- University of Saskatchewan Senate
- Director, Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII)
- Chair, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Image & Promotion Committee
- Chair, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Environment Committee
- Committee member, Action Saskatchewan
- Trustee and Treasurer, Mendel Art Gallery and Conservatory
- Chair, Intellectual Property and Technology Law Section, Saskatchewan Bar Association
- Chair, Taxation, Wills and Trust Section, Saskatchewan Bar Association
- Executive Council and Board of Directors, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce
- Director, Rotary Club of Saskatoon North
- Chair, Rotary Golf Challenge in support of Saskatoon Food Bank
- Director and Corporate Secretary, Saskatchewan Advanced Technology Association
- Director and Founding Member, Software Development Association of Saskatchewan

### **Academic Appointments**

- Sessional Lecturer, University of Saskatchewan, College of Law - Intellectual Property Law (1995-2001)
- Faculty, The Directors College, (a joint venture of McMaster University and the Conference Board of Canada)

### **Selected Education Programs**

- Presenter, Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc., Intellectual Property Law
- Facilitator, Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc., Environmental Law Seminar

- Presenter, Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch, Mid-Winter Meetings
- Co-ordinator and Chair, Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc., Tax Law for Litigators
- Co-ordinator and Chair, Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc., Privacy Law in a Nutshell

### **Selected Papers and Projects**

- Prepared draft *Waste Minimization Act* on behalf of Saskatchewan Department of Environment and Resource Management
- “Agricultural Production Contracts” paper for Centre for Studies in Agriculture, Law and the Environment
- “Agricultural Contracting for Producers” booklet prepared for Agriculture Institute of Management in Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture and Food
- “Grain and Seed Contracts for Farmers” booklet prepared for Agriculture Institute of Management in Saskatchewan
- “Electronic Documents Management” for Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch
- “Technology Issues and the Business” for Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch
- Regular contributor to *Saskatchewan Business* magazine on business, information technology and intellectual property issues

### **Awards and Recognition**

- Named one of “Saskatchewan’s Men of Influence” by Saskatchewan Business Magazine, 2003
- Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary International
- Queen’s Counsel, 2011

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