



Christopher Buchanan

Partner

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Christopher's approach relies upon listening, identifying common ground, and working towards a resolution that best suits his clients. He is skilled at distilling complex legal concepts and relating information in plain language.

Christopher represents employers and businesses on matters related to all legal aspects of employer-employee relations, human rights complaints, and collective bargaining. Raised in Yellowknife, he is proud to have earned the trust of a variety of clients throughout the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, including individuals, small businesses, governments, Indigenous governments, insurers, and corporations.

Christopher also litigates matters on behalf of clients in matters before the Supreme and Territorial Courts of the Northwest Territories, the Nunavut Court of Justice, the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories, and the Federal Court of Canada.

In his highly nuanced area of practice, the resolution to an issue can often be found in the details. As a results-focused advocate, Christopher puts his extensive experience to work examining all the details in order to confidently assess and advise his clients on next steps.

While Christopher finds his work incredibly rewarding, he stills looks for ways to give back to his community. He is currently the Chair of the Labour and Employment Section of the Canadian Bar Association – Northwest Territories Branch ("CBA-NT"). Christopher is a former member of the National Board of Directors of the Canadian Bar Association and has served as Branch President of the CBA-NT. He has also served on the 2019 Organizing Team for The NWT Miracle and the 2019 Executive Committee for NWT Pride.

Education

- Dalhousie University, LL.B.
- University of Guelph, B.Sc;(Honours)

Call to Bar

- Nunavut Bar, 2017
- Northwest Territories Bar, 2013
- British Columbia Bar (Resigned), 2012

Professional Affiliation and Community Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of the Northwest Territories
- Member, Law Society of Nunavut
- Chair, CBA-NT Labour and Employment Law Section
- Northwest Territories Branch President, Dalhousie Law Alumni Association
- Vice-President for Life, Schulich School of Law Class 2011
- Former President, CBA-NT Branch
- Former Director, CBA National Board of Directors
- Former Chair, CBA National Audit

Committee

- Former Member, CBA National Equality Committee
- Former Chair, CBA-NT Administrative Law Section
- Former Chair, CBA-NT Civil Litigation Section
- Former Chair, CBA-NT Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Community Section
- Former Member, Federal Judicial Advisory Committee for the Northwest Territories

Related Experience

- Commercial Litigation
- Northern Canada
- Labour & Employment
- Human Rights Defence
- Privacy
- Workplace Investigations
- Construction Law
- Arbitration, Mediations & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Speaking Engagements and Publications

- "2020 Labour Law Year in Review", McLennan Ross Seminar, 2021
- "2019 Labour & Employment Year in Review", McLennan Ross Seminar, 2020
- "New Changes to the Northwest Territories' *Human Rights Act*", Christopher Buchanan, *McLennan Ross E-mail Alert*, 2019

To learn more about Christopher, please see his bio [here](#).