

SUMMARY

Leading expert in pension law and litigation. Author of leading authority book in pension law. Adjunct law professor. Qualified Mediator (Q.Med).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016-Present

Founder & Principal, *Kaplan Law and Mediation Benefits* (2015), Toronto. Lawyer and Qualified Mediator of legal disputes. Eighteen years of litigation and settlement experience in pension and benefit claims, plan governance, regulatory compliance, surplus and deficits, trusts and fiduciaries, conversion and exchange, insolvency/restructuring, spousal rights, family and marriage breakdown, workplace/labour disputes, administrative proceedings and class actions. Counsel on some of Canada's leading court decisions. Retained as expert witness in U.S./Delaware commercial litigation. Has appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada, Ontario Court of Appeal, Quebec Court of Appeal, New Brunswick Court of Appeal, Federal Court of Appeal, the superior courts of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, and the Financial Services Tribunal, Human Rights Tribunal, Labour Relations Board, grievance arbitration.

1997-2016

Koskie Minsky LLP. Toronto. Articles of clerkship (1997-98). Associate (1999-2004). Partner (2005-2016).

PRINCIPAL PUBLICATION

2006 & 2013

Author, *Pension Law* (Irwin Law), 656pp; Co-author (with M. Frazer), *Pension Law 2nd Ed.* (Irwin Law), 622pp; Leading authority in Canadian pension law. Recipient of 2007 Walter Owen Book Prize for outstanding new contribution to Canadian legal literature. Cited as authority in six decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada and by courts, tribunals and commissions.

PEER RECOGNITION

2012-2017	Chambers Global® - World's Leading Lawyers (Band 1)
2006-2017	Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory, Leading Practitioner (Most Frequently Recommended: 2012-2017)
2005-2017	Best Lawyers in Canada® Directory
2011-2013	Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada
2013	Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers® (Toronto Employee Benefits Law)

ACTIVITIES

2007-Present	Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto Law. <i>Private Pensions, Public Responsibilities: Law & Regulation of the Canadian Pension System</i> (LAW390H1).
2011-2016	Co-owner, Paper Bag Records Inc., 2011-2016. Invested funds and started an operating publishing and licensing division. Signed artists to licensing and publishing roster. Paper Bag Records was established in 2002. In 2015, the label celebrated its 100th album release (#Paper100). The label discovered Broken Social Scene, Tokyo Police Club and Stars and earned Juno Awards and Polaris Prize nominations. Roster during Ari Kaplan's period: Acorn, Alana Yorke, Austra, Born Ruffians, Cuff the Duke, Diana, Elliott Brood, Frog Eyes, Grey Lands, Hey Mother Death, Luyas, Moonface, Mozart's Sister, My Brightest Diamond, Princess Century, PS I Love You, Rachel Zeffira, Rural Alberta Advantage, Sam Roberts Band, Sarah Neufeld, Teen Daze, Yamantaka/Sonic Titan, Young Galaxy, Young Rival, You Say Party.
2010-2012	Trustee, Law Foundation of Ontario. Appointed by Attorney General for Ontario. Since 1974, five appointed Trustees have directed disbursement of almost \$1 billion toward public access to justice initiatives.
2010-2011	Chair, Ontario Bar Association, Pensions & Employee Benefits Section. Current member of the Canadian Bar Association and Advocates' Society.
2006-2007	Assistant Professor, Western University, London. <i>Pensions Law</i> (303D 101).

QUALIFICATIONS

1994	McGill University, B.A. (Hons)
1997	Osgoode Hall Law School at York University, LL.B. (1997), LL.M. (2001)
1999	Law Society of Upper Canada, Member
2015	ADR Institute of Canada, Q.Med.
	Social media, sometime commentator on news and other media: @arimap