

Shari has been in private practice as a Mediator and Arbitrator since 2001, with a focus on mediating and arbitrating disputes in the areas of insurance and employment/labour law. Her mediation practice includes the resolution of complex tort, accident benefits and LTD claims, as well as wrongful dismissal claims. She has conducted numerous multi-party mediations and has resolved disputes involving sexual harassment claims. At last count, she has conducted over 1600 mediations in and around the Toronto area.

Shari is also regularly retained to conduct arbitrations. Her main focus in the insurance field is on Priority Disputes and Loss Transfer arbitrations under the Insurance Act. She also conducts grievance arbitrations in various sectors, and unjust dismissal adjudications under the Canada Labour Code.

She is the managing partner of Alternative Resolution Group, which has been selected as one of the Top Ten Arbitration Chambers in Canada in the past three surveys conducted by Canadian Lawyer magazine (in 2015, 2017 and 2019).

Shari's experience as an ADR neutral dates back to 1993. She spent eight years as an Adjudicator and member of various administrative tribunals in the labour and employment law area, before accepting an appointment as an Arbitrator at the Financial Services Commission of Ontario.

Shari also served as an Executive member of the ADR Section of the Ontario Bar Association for 3 years, and has participated as a guest speaker on numerous panels at conferences sponsored by the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Toronto Medico - Legal Society, the Advocates Society, the Insurance, Employment and ADR sections of the OBA and the Canadian Defence Lawyers association.

Shari is enthusiastic about spending active time outdoors, to combat the stress of resolving disputes. She climbs mountains, skis down steep slopes, cycles long distances and heads underwater to scuba dive whenever she can.