

ELISABETH STEPHANIE PRESTON

IN-HOUSE and MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE:

General Dynamics Mission Systems - International, Ottawa December 2015 - Present

Chief Legal Counsel and Vice President of International Compliance for major international Defense Contractor with facilities in Canada, United Kingdom, Italy, Turkey, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Brunei, United Arab Emirates.

Allen-Vanguard Corporation, Ottawa June 2003-August 2005 and August 2007-December 2015

Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of publicly traded company (TSX:VRS but now private) with multiple operating and manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe and Asia.

ExelTech Aerospace Inc., Dorval, Quebec August 2005 - 2007

Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of publicly traded aerospace maintenance company (TSXV: XLT now private) with multiple subsidiaries and operating facilities in Quebec.

InBusiness Solutions Inc., Ottawa, Ontario June 2000 - June 2002

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, and Vice President Human Resources of publicly traded company (TSX:BIZ) and subsidiaries

CML Technologies, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA and Dallas, Texas June 1990 - April 1996

Assistant Vice President, Sales and Product Marketing for public safety telecom products company

Positron Industries, Inc., Montreal, Quebec, Canada September 1988 - June 1990

Market Development Manager responsible for development and implementation of Marketing and Business Plans for fast growing public safety telecom company.

NATIONAL FIRM PRIVATE PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

McMillan LLP, Ottawa Ontario May 2006 - 2008 and January 2010 - 2014

Partner of National Law Firm (Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, China)

- o Member of Board of Partners and Chair of Audit Committee
- o Managing Partner of Ottawa Office
- o Chair of Business Law Group
- o Co-Chair of Aerospace and Defense practice
- o Co-Chair of Government Relations and Public Policy practice

- o Co-Chair of American Bar Association, International Aerospace and Defense Industry Committee and member of Steering Committee of American Bar Association Anti-Corruption Committee and China Committee.
- o Chambers Recognised (individual) while in private practice – Public Procurement

McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Ottawa, Ontario

June 1998 – June 2000

Associate, Business Law (and Student-at-Law from 1998 - 1999)

OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

- o Co-Chair of **Canadian Advisory Board of the CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention** (present)
- o Canada Commissioner to **International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Arbitration and ADR** (present)
- o **Ottawa Ambassador - Invest Ottawa** (past)
- o Director of **Ottawa Tulip Festival** (past)
- o Governor of **Elmwood School** (past)
- o Director of **Start-up Canada Foundation** (past)
- o Director and Treasurer, **Rainbow Kitchen**, Pittsburgh PA (past)
- o Director, **East End Food Co-op**, Pittsburgh PA (past)

EDUCATION:

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montreal, Quebec
FACULTY OF LAW

Common Law (LLB) Degree. Graduated with Distinction.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Master's Degree in Public Administration.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts in Non-Western (African) History.

AWARDS:

- Recipient, Top Women in Defence, 2022, Esprit de Corps
- Finalist, Ottawa Businesswoman of the Year, Woman's Business Network (2013)
- Recipient 2005 Ottawa "Top 40 under 40" award.
- Recipient Best Financial Deal Award, OCRI, March, 2005 (Allen-Vanguard)
- Champion, Corporate and Securities Moot Competition, 1998
- Employee of the Year Award, CML Technologies Inc., 1993