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Nancy Cameron is a lawyer, writer, and educator. She graduated from the University of British Columbia with a B.F.A. in creative writing in 1984, and with an LL.B. in 1987, and was called to the bar of British Columbia in May, 1988. Prior to law school, she spent ten years working in the field of early childhood education, including teaching child development and psychology, as well as working with adolescents, including running a group home for adolescent youths. She is a family law practitioner, whose practice is in the areas of collaborative law, mediation (Law Society Certified) and Hear the Child Reports (roster member since inception). She teaches and trains in the inter-disciplinary model of collaborative practice, as well as other subjects in dispute resolution. She has been an adjunct professor at both the University of British Columbia Law School as well as Hong Kong University.

Ms. Cameron is one of the founders of the Collaborative Divorce Association of Vancouver and was one of the first co-chairs of the group. She is also a founding Board member and first president of the BC Collaborative Roster Society and a founding board member of the BC Parenting Coordinators Roster. She has led and designed training in the collaborative process, and has been a speaker and trainer in the area of collaborative law and dispute resolution to groups across Canada and the United States, as well as in Europe, Australia and Asia.

Ms. Cameron has written numerous articles on Collaborative Practice, as well as a book: *Collaborative Practice: Deepening the Dialogue*. She was president of the International Academy of Collaborative Practitioners 2009. She received her Queens Counsel Designation in 2005, and has been named to the peer-reviewed Best Lawyers in Canada (in the field of Alternate Dispute Resolution) since 2012, and named Best ADR Professional, Vancouver, 2014.

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## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:**

- 1987-95 Member LEAF (Legal Education and Action Fund), including a member of the Speakers Board.
- 1998-03 Member of the Executive, Vancouver Family Law Section of Canadian Bar Association (B.C. Branch)
- 1991-18 Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- 1991-18 Member, Vancouver Canadian Bar Association (B.C. Branch) Family and Alternate Dispute Resolution Sections
- 1993-01 Member, Mediation Development Association of B.C.
- 1993-18 Member, Family Mediation Canada
- 1993-01 Member, The Network: Interaction for Conflict Resolution
- 1993-00 Member, Family Advocates Group
- 1998 Associate Member, B.C. Arbitration and Mediation Institute
- 1998-06 Member, Attorney General's Rules Revision Committee of the B.C. Supreme Court
- 1999 Member, British Columbia Mediator Roster
- 1999-18 Member, Collaborative Divorce Association of Vancouver, First co-chair (2000-2002)
- 2002-07 Board Member BC Dispute Resolution Practicum Society
- 2002-05 Advisory member: University of British Columbia Program on Dispute Resolution Family Law Project
- 2003-06 Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia, Law Faculty
- 2003-05 Member, Family Law Reform Working Group of the Justice Review Task

- Force (British Columbia)
- 2005-10 Board Member, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (President, 2009)
- 2005-18 Member, Family Roster of Mediate BC (formerly B.C. Mediation Roster Society, Family)
- 2012, 2015 Adjunct Professor, Hong Kong University Faculty of Law
- 2012-2018 Member, Hear the Child Roster
- 2010-2018 Member, BC Collaborative Roster Society (Board member 2010-2017 and first President )
- 2014-2018 Executive Committee, Family Justice Innovation Lab
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#### **HONOURARY DESIGNATIONS AND AWARDS**

- 2000 Nominated YWCA Women of Distinction, Social Action Category
- 2005 Received Queen's Counsel Designation
- 2012-18 Named to peer-reviewed Best Lawyers in Canada, ADR
- 2014 Named Best ADR Professional, Vancouver by Best Lawyers in Canada
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#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

- 1983-85 Member, President's Advisory Committee on Daycare, U.B.C.
- 1986-88 Board of Directors, Vancouver Status of Women
- 1988 Delegate, National Action Council on the Status of Women Annual General Meeting
- 1993 Supervising lawyer - LSLAP Clinics, Battered Women's Support Services

1992-93 Board of Directors, Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (Founding member)

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**SELECTED TRAININGS AND LECTURES:**

1988-07 Speaker at a variety of Colleges, Universities and Seminars on family law and equality issues

1989 Speaker, Vancouver Status of Women, Family Law Issues

1990-96 Speaker, People's Law School; Family Law Issues

1991-15 Lecturer, Numerous Continuing Legal Education courses, Family Law Courses and Seminars

1999-15 Speaker to various Family Law subsections in British Columbia, Alberta and Newfoundland on Collaborative Law

2000 Keynote Speaker at Collaborative Law training, Mississauga, Ontario

2001-13 Course co-ordinator (co-chair) and curriculum design: Collaborative Separation and Divorce Inter-disciplinary Training, basic and advanced. (Training received the ACLEA award for Best Programming in 2001). Numerous trainings provided in B.C. through CLE.

2002-18 Training, Collaborative Inter-disciplinary practice – numerous trainings in Canada, the United States and Europe

2002 Presenter, Federation of Law Societies National Family Law Conference

2002 Panel moderator, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Networking Conference, Galveston, Texas

2002 Presenter, Osgoode Hall Collaborative Law Conference

2003 Course co-chair and speaker, CLE Alternate Dispute Resolution Second Annual Conference

2003 Presenter, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 40th Anniversary

Conference

- 2003 Panel moderator and presenter, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Networking Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 2004 Course co-chair and speaker, CLE Alternate Dispute Resolution Second Annual Conference
- 2004 Presenter, Federation of Law Societies National Family Law Conference
- 2004 Presenter, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Networking Conference, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2004 Keynote speaker, American Bar Association Annual Family Law Conference Symposium on Collaborative Law, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2004 Presenter on Collaborative Practice, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Annual Conference
- 2005 Course co-chair and speaker, CLE Alternate Dispute Resolution Third Annual Conference: "Restructuring Justice"
- 2005 Panel member, ADR Panel UBC Law School 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- 2005 Presenter, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Networking Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2006 Presenter, Federation of Law Societies National Family Law Conference
- 2006 Course organizer and speaker, CLE Alternate Dispute Resolution Fourth Annual Conference
- 2006 Presenter, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Networking Conference, San Diego, California
- 2007 Guest lecturer, Hong Kong University Law School
- 2007 Presenter, Law Asia Conference
- 2007 Presenter, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Networking Conference, Toronto, Ontario

- 2008        Presenter, Second Annual European Collaborative Conference, Ireland
- 2008        Presenter, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference
- 2008        Presenter, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Networking Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2008        Presenter, Mediation and Pre-action Protocols Conference, Hong Kong
- 2009        Presenter, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference
- 2009        Keynote Speaker, Resolution National ADR Conference, London, England
- 2009        Presenter, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Networking Conference, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2010        Presenter: CORE Lecture Series
- 2010        Presenter, Federation of Law Societies National Family Law Conference
- 2010        Presenter, IACP Forum, Wash. D.C.
- 2010        Trainer: "What's the Brain Got to Do with it?" Petaluma, Calif.
- 2011        Facilitator and trainer, Okanagan Collaborative Group Retreat, B.C.
- 2011        Facilitator, IACP Pre-forum Institute, San Francisco, Calif.
- 2011        Trainer, "Dollars and Sense" Wisconsin Collaborative Group
- 2012        Trainer, IACP Institute, "Advocacy in Collaborative Practice"
- 2012        Presenter and paper author, CLE conference on The Psychology of Relationship Breakdown
- 2012        Presenter and paper author, CLE ADR conference; paper titled: "Lost on the Neural Pathways"
- 2013        Presenter, CLE Family Law Act course, "Transforming Family Practice"
- 2014        Presenter PBLI conference on Family Law Act

- 2014 Keynote speaker and plenary presenter, Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida Annual Conference
- 2014 Presenter, Federation of Law Societies National Family Law Conference
- 2013-14 Co-leader: IACP Leadership Academy
- 2015 Presenter, IACP Institute, Australia
- 2015 Presenter, Pre-forum Institute, IACP Forum
- 2016 Presenter, IACP Forum
- 2016-17 Trainer, "The Challenge of Teams"; Washington, D.C., Portland, Oregon, Indiana and Ohio
- 2017 Course Chair, PBLI Family Law Course
- 2017 Presenter, IACP Institute, Hawaii
- 2017 Course design and workshop leader: How our Values and Identity Affect Our Work as Dispute Resolution Professionals, Vancouver, Connecticut and Washington
- 2018 Keynote speaker, Plenary and Institute, Collaborative Professionals of Washington Conference

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**EDITORIAL BOARDS, PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

Editorial Board, Law Society Professional Legal Training Course, Family Law Materials and checklist re: Family Law Agreements (1999-2008)

Author, Materials for numerous Continuing Legal Education (BC) Family Law courses

Editorial Board, British Columbia Family Practice Manual, Published by Continuing Legal Education, (BC) (1999-2005)

Course development and training materials, Continuing Legal Education (BC),

Basic and Advanced Collaborative Law Inter-disciplinary training.

Course Development and training materials with Dr. Susan Gamache: Focus on Coaching, advanced training for mental health professionals

*“The Heart of Advocacy; Re-defining the Role of the Advocate”* paper for Continuing Legal Education (BC) ADR and Collaborative Law Conference, April, 2003

*“Inter-Disciplinary? To Be or Not to Be?”* paper for AFCC conference May 2003

*Collaborative Practice: Deepening the Dialogue* Book Published by CLE (BC), 2004 (CLE best seller and nominated for ACLEA Best Publication award)

*“The Growing ADR Community: Adapting for Culture, Language and Families Around the Globe”*, published in Collaborative Review Journal Spring 2010 Volume 11, Issue 1

*“Collaborative Practice in the Canadian Landscape”* published in *Family Court Review*, Volume 49, #2, April, 2011

*“Lost on the Neural Pathways”* article published by CLE (BC) 2012

*“Practicing Under the New Family Law Act – Duties, Roles and Skills”* published as Chapter 2 of the Family Act Transition Guide, CLE (BC) 2013

*“Transforming Family Practice”* published by CLE (BC) 2013

*“Journey Towards a Social Lab Approach to Change”* published in Collaborative Review Journal Fall 2014 Volume 14, Issue 2

Editor, IACP *Collaborative Reviews* since 2017, ongoing