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Michael Erdle founded Practical Resolutions Inc. in 2011, to help parties resolve business, technology, intellectual property and commercial disputes in an efficient, cost-effective way, through facilitated negotiation, mediation and arbitration.

Michael is one of Canada's most experienced and qualified commercial dispute resolution professionals. Based in Toronto, Michael has successfully conducted many online mediations and arbitrations in the past two years. He is available to mediate or arbitrate either in person or virtually throughout Canada and Internationally.

Since 2005, he has successfully mediated resolutions in shareholder and joint venture matters, outsourcing, system development and implementation projects, copyright, trademark, patent and trade secret disputes. He has acted as sole arbitrator in cases involving ownership of intellectual property, information technology projects, film and television, internet, and other commercial disputes. He has acted as mediator/arbitrator in several matters.

Michael has more than 25 years' experience as a commercial lawyer, specializing in technology and intellectual property. He has negotiated agreements and assisted clients in resolving a wide variety of commercial disputes.

Michael is a former director of the ADR Institute of Ontario and the ADR Institute of Canada. He is a past president of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, a past director of the Canadian IT Law Association and a past chair of the Toronto Computer Lawyers Group. Michael has written and spoken on many current issues in technology and intellectual property law. He has lectured at Osgoode Hall Law School and McGill University and taught "Powerful Negotiation Skills" at University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies.

Areas of Expertise

Information Technology

- Outsourcing
- Managed Services
- Electronic Commerce
- Software Development
- Software Licensing
- Data Licensing
- Distribution
- Internet Products & Services
- Research and Development

Business Disputes

- Media and Entertainment
- Franchising
- Joint Ventures
- Contract Disputes
- Shareholder Disputes
- Partnership Disputes
- Licensing
- Project Financing

Intellectual Property

- Copyright
- Industrial Designs
- Patents
- Trademarks
- Trade Secrets

Privacy

- Access to Information
- Personal Privacy Rights
- Personality Rights

Professional Recognition

Best Lawyers in Canada[®] – Alternative Dispute Resolution, Technology Law

Canadian Legal Lexpert[®] *Directory* – Leading Practitioner, Computer & IT Law

Lexpert / American Lawyer Guide to the Leading Lawyers in Canada – Technology Transactions

IAM 250: The World's Leading Patent and Technology Licensing Lawyers

Who's Who Legal Canada – Internet & E-Commerce

The International Who's Who of Internet, e-Commerce & Data Protection Lawyers

Selected Mediation and Arbitration Experience; Panels

- Interim Arbitrator in application for urgent interim relief
- Mediator/arbitrator in telecommunications contract dispute
- Mediator/arbitrator in computer system implementation dispute
- Sole Arbitrator in film and television distribution disputes
- Sole Arbitrator in international software development and distribution disputes
- Sole Arbitrator in hardware and software distribution disputes
- Sole Arbitrator in software development, ownership and licensing disputes
- Sole Arbitrator in software and system development and implementation disputes
- Sole Arbitrator, panel chair and panel member in CIRA (.ca) and UDRP (.com) domain name disputes
- Mediator in complex dispute over IT project relating to multinational business acquisition
- Mediator in technology development, implementation and licensing disputes
- Mediator in trademark infringement and “passing-off” cases
- Mediator in patent and trade secret disputes
- Mediator in copyright ownership and infringement disputes
- Mediator in Internet development and implementation disputes
- Mediator in joint venture, shareholder and partnership disputes
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Canada roster member
- Roster Arbitrator, Independent Film and Television Alliance Arbitration Panel
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center List of Neutrals
- Roster Arbitrator, Canadian International Internet Dispute Resolution Centre (CDRP & UDRP)
- Roster Arbitrator, Vancouver International Arbitration Centre

Mediation and Arbitration Training

Advanced Mediation Workshop
World Intellectual Property Organization
Arbitration and Mediation Center
Geneva, Switzerland

Advanced Mediation Course
Stitt Feld Handy &
University of Windsor Law School
Toronto, Ontario

International Commercial Arbitration
(Accelerated Path to Fellowship)
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Intensive IP Arbitration Course
Canadian Bar Association & ADR Institute of Canada

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Ontario

Professional Associations

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Chartered Mediator and Chartered Arbitrator
ADR Institute of Canada
ADR Institute of Ontario
Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society

Intellectual Property Institute of Canada
Past-President and Fellow,
Member, IPIC ADR Community
International Technology Law Association
Canadian IT Law Association
Toronto Computer Lawyers' Group