Christopher Albertyn Brief Bio



Chris Albertyn is an arbitrator and mediator working in Ontario, Canada.

He was educated in South Africa and in the US. He worked as a trade union organizer for a textile union in Durban, in the mid-1970s. He practiced labour law in Durban in the 1970s and 80s at Chennells Albertyn. He was the founding Director of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban.

Since 1985 he has worked as a mediator and arbitrator of labour disputes. He has lived in Toronto since 1993. He was a Vice-Chair of the Ontario Labour Relations Board for over 20 years. He is the former Chair of the Ontario Education Relations Commission and the Ontario Colleges Relations Commission.

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