



Robert (Bob) R. Blakely

Born - Edmonton., Alberta May 4th, 1950

Educational & Professional Qualifications

- Graduated from Eastglen Composite High School (1968)
- Red Seal Journeyman Plumber & Gasfitter (1972)
- Journeyman Steamfitter (1994)
- Graduated from University of Alberta in Arts & Law (1977)
- Admitted to the Alberta Bar (1978)
- Appointed Queen's Counsel (2012)
- Certified Human Resources Professional (1993)

Work History

- Worked at the Pipe Trades from High School until graduating from Law at U. of A. for various mechanical and industrial contractors through Local Union 488 of the United Association.
- Articled at Barron, McBain, Barristers & Solicitors (1977-1978).
 - Practiced law at Hladun, Blakely (1978-1990) and Blakely & Dushenski (1990-present).
 - President of the Alberta Building Trades (1989-2000).
 - Changed how Labour Relations were done in Alberta's Construction Industry
- Canadian Operating Officer for Canada's Building Trades Unions (2000-2019).

Naval Service

- Joined Canadian Forces (Naval Reserve) 1969 – retired 04 May 2010.
- Classified as a Maritime. Surface Officer and eventually became qualified to Command warships at sea, successfully- commanded a number of them in various classes and qualified as a Minesweeping Commanding Officer.
- Attended Command & Staff College (CFC), National Strategic Studies Course (Kingston), NATO War College (Rome).
- Commanded Northern British Columbia Coastal Defense District.
- Commanded HMCS Nonsuch - Edmonton's Naval Reserve Division.
- Central Region Coordinator (Naval Divisions in Manitoba & Ontario).
- Director Joint Reserve Command & Staff Course - Canadian Forces College developed Distance Learning Program for Senior Canadian & Allied Officers to deliver Operational &

Strategic Level Professional Military Education.

- On promotion to Flag Rank, attended General Officers' and Flag Officers' Course.
- Commanded Canada's Naval Reserve (2004 to 2007).
- Final appointment in Chief of Military Personnel working on Transformation of Human Resources System.

Canada's Building Trades Unions (CBTU)

- Established Canada wide Building Trades Annual Legislative Conference.
- Established Build TogetHER – 4 tier program for the inclusion and respect of women, indigenous people, underemployed youth and new Canadians in Construction.
- Established a uniform funding method for CBTU operations.
- Commissioned research and materials relating to safety, transition to a low carbon economy, the value of infrastructure to the economy, worker mobility, improvements to work camps.
- Established Legislative Program for the Trades.
- Negotiated a series of progressive Project Labour Relations Agreements across Canada for Major Projects.
- “Standing Together” – moving force for Canadian Construction Worker Monument Ottawa.

Experience in Other Related or Community Service Organizations

- President of Local Union 488 of the-United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada, north America's largest Plumbers' Union (1975-2003).
- President or Co-Chair of the various associations allied to Local 488, the Building Society, the Joint Conference Board with Employers, etc.
- Vice-President of the Alberta Building and Construction Trades Council (1986-1989).
- Member of the Coordinating Committee of the Alberta Safety Codes Council (1997-2001).
- Appointed to the Board of Directors of the Safety Codes Council (2009) and subsequently Vice-Chair. Appointed Chair in 2010.
 - Developed ASCA – to deliver safety services in Alberta's non-accredited areas
 - Oversaw the growth and development of Safety Services making Alberta a Safer Place to Live, Work and Play
- Member of the Alberta Economic Authority.
- Founding Chair of the Board of Directors for the Prairie Land Corporation (a pension-

investment company).

- Trustee for the Operative Plasterers & Cement Masons International Association of Canada Alberta & Saskatchewan Pension & Health & Welfare Plans.
- President of the Alberta Congress Board.
- Member of the Senate of the University of Alberta.
- Member of the Minister's Task Force on reforming the Builders' Lien Act (Knaack Committee) Alberta.
- Member of the Minister's Task Force on Post-Secondary Education (Alberta).
- Member of the Minister's Task Group on 'Trades Friendly' curriculum (Alberta).
- Member of the Freidman Committee to restructure the Appeals Process for Workers' Compensation (Alberta).
- Chair of the Drug & Alcohol Risk Reduction Pilot. Project Working Group (Alberta).
- Chair, Fundraising - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (Alberta).
- Chair, of the Drug and Alcohol Risk Reduction Program (DARRP)
- Co-Chair Canada's Building Trades Unions / Alberta Owner's Group
- Founding Chair of Construction Sector Council
- Founding Chair of the BuildForce Canada, member of the Board of Directors.
- Labour Co-Chair of the Organized Construction Alliance of Canada.
- Director - Canadian Labour and Business Centre.
- Member of the Canadian Council on Innovation in Construction.
- Chair of Retrocom Growth Fund (Pension Investment Vehicle)
- Director - Workers' Arts & Heritage Centre.
- Director - Diabetes Research Institute Foundation of Canada (DRIFCan).
- Director ABC Literacy Canada.
- President of Multi-Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada (MEBCO).
- Vice-President of the Maritime Defense Association of Canada.
- Vice-President - Newfoundland & Labrador Oil Development. Council (ODC).
- Vice-President --Newfoundland & Labrador Resources Development Trades Council (RDTC).
- Member of Minister's Group on Skill and Innovation (Canada).
- Member of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association Advisory Group (CEPA)
- Secretary and Board Member, Helmets to Hardhats
- Member of Minister of Labour (Canada) Advisory Committee
- Member of the Premier's Alberta economic Recovery Council
- Speaking, lecturing, and teaching on issues related to the above - numerous and across the

country, for all levels of government, unions, employer organizations, colleges and universities, apprenticeship boards, joint labour management organizations.

Honours & Awards

- Canadian Forces Decoration with 2 bars
- Alberta Centennial Medal
- Doctor of Laws (Honors Causa) from Memorial University of Newfoundland & Labrador
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal

