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Curriculum Vitae – Cara L. Brown, M.A.

EDUCATION:

Graduate Econometrics course (audit) University of Calgary, 1996
Graduate Labour Economics course (applied econometrics) University of Calgary, 1995
M.A. Economics (Economics & Law) University of Calgary, 1988

Thesis: *The Economics of Compensation at Divorce*

B.A. Economics (Honours) University of Calgary, 1986

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Women, Work & the Economy (WMST 331) University of Calgary, Fall 1996
University of Calgary, Fall 1998
University of Calgary, Fall 1999

Proposed and designed this curriculum for a new course offered by the Faculty of General Studies. Course content included: the study of women's economic position in Canada's labour market, both historically and at present; paid and unpaid labour (housework) and methods of valuation; gender wage gap.

Wage Determination (ECON 433) – guest lecturer University of Calgary, Fall 1996
Graduate Labour Economics (ECON 633) – exam reviewer University of Calgary, Fall 1998
Torts (Faculty of Law) – guest lecturer (expert witness role) University of Calgary, Winter 1995
University of Calgary, Winter 1994

EMPLOYMENT:

- **Brown Economic Consulting Inc.**, Principal, 1991 to present
Involved in the preparation of more than 9,000 reports as an expert economic witness. Supervise several research projects annually, resulting in lectures and publications and ongoing R&D in the forensic economics field.
- **Economica Ltd.**, Forensic economist / supervisor, 1988 - 1995
- **Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family (CRILF)**, Research associate, 1989 - 1990
- **Canada West Foundation**, Research associate, 1985 - 1987

MEDIA INVOLVEMENT:

CBC Research Documentary: “True North” Business Plan [“pro bono”]

At CBC's request, compiled research information on the City of Winnipeg and the True North Project, a proposed new multi-purpose sports, entertainment and arts complex in downtown Winnipeg. The project included analyses on attendance at the Winnipeg Arena compared to the proposed new arena, “elasticity of demand”, future demographics of Winnipeg and Manitoba, expenditures in sport and concert events, facility metrics, the economy of Winnipeg and Manitoba and a sensitivity analysis of the financial investment. A television interview with other financial experts was aired by CBC television in Winnipeg in June 2002.

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TESTIMONY¹

Qualified to give testimony on more than 110 occasions in Alberta, NWT, Nunavut and Yukon Territories, BC, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, as well as in Texas and North Dakota.

CASE CITATION	Qualified to give evidence on...	Jurisdiction
<i>Dabrowski v. Robertson</i> [2007]	Loss of income (HALS/PALS)	Edmonton, AB
<i>Stewart v. DIGI Canada Incorporated</i> [2007]	Loss of benefits/leased auto [report accepted without challenge]	Calgary, AB
<i>B.M.G. v. Attorney General of Canada</i> [2007]	Sexual assault	Halifax, NS
<i>Williams v. Thomas Development Corp. et al</i> [2006]	Loss of income and cost of care	St. John's, NFLD
<i>Young v. Bella, Rowe and Memorial University of Newfoundland</i> [2006 SCC 3]	Defamation (jury trial)	St. John's, NFLD
<i>Elliott & Clifford et al v. Gordon Petronech</i> [2005]	Sexual assault (jury trial)	Lethbridge, AB
<i>Robinson v. Williams</i> [2005]	Loss of income – rebuttal (HALS/PALS)	Edmonton, AB
<i>McRoberts v. Whissell</i> [2005]	Oppression action - rebuttal	Edmonton, AB
<i>Fullowka et al v. Royal Oak Ventures et al</i> [2004]	Wrongful death, valuable services & tax gross-up	Yellowknife, NWT
<i>Dyck v. Wilkinson</i> [2004]	Cost of care [report accepted without challenge]	Calgary, AB
<i>Ferraiuolo v. Olson</i> [2003]	<i>Survival of Actions Act</i> (estate) claim	Lethbridge, AB
<i>Crackel v. Miller</i> [2003]	Loss of income (brain injury)	Calgary, AB
<i>McLeod v. Canada Post</i> [2003]	Loss of income – rebuttal	Yorkton, SK
<i>Jensen v. Thompson</i> [2002]	Loss of income and pension benefits	Calgary, AB
<i>Boje v. Boje</i> [2002]	<i>Family Relief Act</i> claim / estate dispute - rebuttal	Edmonton, AB
<i>Millott v. Reinhard</i> [2001] & [2002]	Wrongful death, valuable services & tax gross-up- rebuttal	Calgary, AB
<i>Novalinga et al v. Government of NWT</i> [2001]	Sexual assault (70 victims) – mini-trial	Iqaluit, NT
<i>M.S. v. Baker</i> [2001]	Cost of raising children (wrongful birth)	Edmonton, AB
<i>Teskey v. Great West Life Assurance Company</i> [2001]	Loss of disability benefits	Edmonton, AB
<i>Rhine v. Millan</i> [2000]	Loss of income [report accepted without challenge]	Edmonton, AB
<i>Nemetchek v. University Hospitals Board</i> [2000]	Cost of care [report accepted without challenge]	Edmonton, AB
<i>Holt v. Gorsline</i> [2000]	Sexual assault - rebuttal	Calgary, AB
<i>Jones v. Calgary Board of Education</i> [2000]	Sexual assault - rebuttal	Calgary, AB
<i>Grennan v. Alton</i> [2000]	<i>Survival of Actions Act</i> (estate) claim	Whitehorse, YK
<i>Guthmiller v. Krahn</i> [2000]	Loss of income	Medicine Hat, AB
<i>Duncan Estate v. Baddeley</i> [1999]	<i>Survival of Actions Act</i> (estate) claim	Edmonton, AB
<i>S.F.P. v. Macdonald</i> [1999]	Loss of income – rebuttal	Edmonton, AB
<i>Whitfield v. Calhoun</i> [1999]	Loss of income	Calgary, AB
<i>Henboeffler v. Lin</i> [1999]	Loss of income	Calgary, AB
<i>Boudreau & Boudreau v. Estate of Miller, Erickson & Mercedes Survey, Inc.</i> [1999] – jury trial	Loss of income & cost of care (brain injury)	Dickinson, North Dakota ²
<i>McLennan v. American Eurocopter Corp. of US</i> [1998]	Loss of income – rebuttal	Galveston, Texas ³
<i>Little Plume v. Weir</i> [1998]	Loss of income & cost of care (SCI injury)	Calgary, AB
<i>Youssef v. Pickerl</i> [1996]	Loss of income – rebuttal	Edmonton, AB
<i>Brache v. Brache</i> [1995]	Economic disadvantage / spousal support - rebuttal	Calgary, AB
<i>LeBlanc v. Burcevski</i> [1995]	Wrongful death	Calgary, AB
<i>Stranden v. Le</i> [1994]	Loss of income – rebuttal	Red Deer, AB
<i>Bisheimer v. Bryce</i> [1991]	Loss of income	Swift Current, SK

RESEARCH: BOOKS

Brown, C.L. (2001) *Damages: Estimating Pecuniary Loss* (Aurora, Ontario: Canada Law Book)

Release #2: October 2002

Release #3: November 2003

Release #4: December 2004

Release #5: November 2005

Release #6: December 2006

Release #7: November 2007

¹ Does not include the collective bargaining expert testimony on behalf of the City of Calgary from 2001 to 2003.

² US Federal District court

³ US Federal District court

Brown, C.L., C.J. Bruce and F.J. Atkins (1991) *Child Rearing Expenditure Estimates for Canada: Based on Statistics Canada 1986 Family Expenditure Survey* (Ottawa, Ontario: Justice Department of Canada)

Pask E.D. and M.L. McCall (eds), C.L. Brown, C.J. Bruce, C.A. Hass, D.P. Vallance, and J.P. Senecal (1989) *How Much and Why? Economic Implications of Marriage Breakdown: Spousal and Child Support* (Calgary, Alberta: Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Brown, C.L. (2005) "Personal Consumption Rates for Canada: Differentiated by Family Size and Income Level using Survey of Household Spending (SHS) 2000 data" *Journal of Forensic Economics* Vol. 17, no. 2, Spring/summer 2004

Brown, C.L. (2003) "Valuable Services Trends in Housekeeping Quantum across Canada, 1990-2001" *The Advocates' Quarterly* 27(1) 71-109

Brown, C.L. (1999) "Wrongful Death Claims: Dependency Loss Calculations" *The Advocates' Quarterly* 22 (1) 1-67

Brown, C.L. (1999) "Duncan v. Baddeley: A Case Comment" *Alberta Law Review* 37 (3) 772-822

Brown, C.L. (1998) (interviewed for): "Claims for Loss of Future Earnings in Fatal Accident Cases" *Canadian Lawyer* 40-43

Brown, C.L. (1997) "Duncan v. Baddeley: Reconciling the 'Lost Years' Deduction with Fatal Accident Cases" *Alberta Law Review* 35 (4) 1108-1128

Brown, C.L. (1997) "Duncan v. Baddeley and the Lost Years' Deduction" *The Barrister* 44

Brown, C.L. (1997) "Exposing and Remediating Vexing Problems in Housekeeping Cases for Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Claims: An Economist's View" *The Advocates' Quarterly* 19(1) 83-119

Brown, C.L. (1996) "Valuing Housekeeping Claims: An Economist's View" *The Barrister* 42 24-31

Brown, C.L. (1996) "Comment on Galigan's Argument for a 3% Mandated Rate" *The Barrister* 41

Brown, C.L. (1994) "Diminished Future Earnings Potential: Further Comments" *The Advocate*

INTERNET TOOLS

Brown, C.L. and M.J. Mallmes (2007) *Income Damages Calculator* [www.browneconomic.com > income damages calculator] Provides a mechanism for past and future income losses to be calculated online, including pre-judgment interest. Available for all jurisdictions (except Quebec), does after-tax calculations

Brown, C.L. and M.J. Mallmes (2003) *Non-Pecuniary Damages Calculator* [www.browneconomic.com > non-pecuniary damages calculator] Inflates general damages awards by Statistics Canada's CPI index

Brown, C.L. and M.J. Mallmes (2003) *Working life/life Expectancy Calculator* [www.browneconomic.com > working life/life expectancy calculator] Calculates number of years to work and to live, by age & gender

Brown, C.L. and M.J. Mallmes (2003) *Present Value Damages Calculator* [www.browneconomic.com > present value damages calculator] Calculates present value of damages

Brown, C.L. and M.J. Mallmes (2001) *Housekeeping Damages Calculator* [www.browneconomic.com > housekeeping damages calculator]

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PAPERS PRESENTED⁴

Brown, C.L. (2008) “Identifying, proving and quantifying damages: How to improve your strategies and methodologies” *Canadian Institute’s 8th National Summit on Institutional Liability for Sexual Assault, Abuse and Harassment* Toronto, ON April 2008

Brown, C.L. (2008) “Loss of Insurability” *Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia: Insights and Strategies for Successfully Pursuing Damages* Vancouver, BC, February 2008

Brown, C.L. (2008) “Past & Future Income Calculation on Demand Online” *Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia: Insights and Strategies for Successfully Pursuing Damages* Vancouver, BC Feb. 2008

Brown, C.L. (2008) “Determining how much the case is worth: Tips on calculating damages” *Canadian Institute: Motor Vehicle Accident Litigation* Calgary, AB, January 2008

Brown, C.L. (2007) “Assessing Disability Losses: Using Canada’s HALS and PALS Databases to Estimate Wage Deficits” *Western Economic Association International (WEAI) 82nd Annual Conference* Seattle, Washington, June-July 2007 [presenter]

Brown, C.L. (2007) “Valuation of Household Services” *Western Economic Association International (WEAI) 82nd Annual Conference* Seattle, Washington, June-July 2007 [discussant]

Brown, C.L. (2007) “Expert economic witnesses in Civil Litigation: Quantum Experiments?” *ACTLA: The Expert Witness Seminar* Calgary & Edmonton, AB, March 2007

Brown, C.L. (2006) “Economic Damages Trends in Injury Cases” *INFONEX: Critical Issues in Insurance Litigation: Emerging Trends and Strategies for Cost-effective Claims Handling* Toronto ON, June 2006

Brown, C.L. (2006) “Reducing discrepancy in expert opinion to gain strategic advantage in your case” *Canadian Institute: Litigating Personal Injury Damages* Toronto ON, February 2006

Brown, C.L. (2006) “Economists and occupational therapists: improving expert witness reports” *Carol Bierbrier & Associates* Toronto ON, February 2006

Brown, C.L. (2005) “Overlap between economists and occupational therapists in fatality claims” *Alberta Association of Occupational Therapists* held in Red Deer, AB, October 2005

Brown, C.L. (2005) “Computing the damages: how much will this case cost you?” *Canadian Institute: Auto Insurance Claims Litigation* Calgary AB, September 2005

Brown, C.L. (2005) “Economic Expert Witnesses: Topics & Tools in Economic Damages” *PEI Law Society* held in Stanley Bridge PEI, June 2005

Brown, C.L. (2005) “Loss of insurability – is it a new head of damage?” *National Civil Litigation CLE Conference HOT TOPICS IN LITIGATION* held in Toronto ON, April 2005

Brown, C.L. (2005) “Damages in sexual assault cases” *National Civil Litigation CLE Conference HOT TOPICS IN LITIGATION* held in Toronto ON, April 2005

⁴ Paper available upon request: contact cara.brown@browneconomic.com.

- Brown, C.L. (2004) “Fire proofing economic assumptions, cross-examining your quantum expert, and new developments under Alberta's *Bill 53* and in fatality claims” *Canadian Institute: Auto Insurance Claims Litigation* held in Calgary AB, October 2004
- Brown, C.L. (2004) “Bill 53 & the Realities of Net not Gross Income” *LESA* held in Calgary and Edmonton AB, September 14 & 21, 2004
- Brown, C.L. (2003) “Advances in Calculating Damages and Trends in Economic Losses (New Trends and Developments in Calculating Damages for Personal Injury and Other Economic Losses)” *PEI Law Society* held in Stanley Bridge PEI, June 2003
- Brown, C.L. (2003) “New Trends and Developments in Calculating Damages for Personal Injury and Other Economic Losses” *Newfoundland Law Society & CLE* held in St. John’s NFLD, May 2003
- Brown, C.L. (2003) “New Trends and Developments in Calculating Damages for Personal Injury and Other Economic Losses”; “Damages Calculation Tools”; and “Trends and Unusual Claims”, *APTLA - Developing Damages Trends* held in Moncton NB, May 2003
- Brown, C.L. (2003) “Presenting Economic Evidence”, *STLA- Mastering Trials* in Saskatoon SK, April 2003
- Brown, C.L. (2003) “Unusual Economic Claims”, *CBA Alberta Law Conference* in Edmonton AB, March 2003
- Brown, C.L. (2002) “Establishing Quantum of Economic Loss”, *Canadian Institute – Auto Insurance Claims Litigation* held in Calgary AB, December 2002
- Brown, C.L. (2002) “Valuable Services – East Coast Trends”; “Use & Abuse of Economic Data to Support Economic Capacity Loss”, *APTLA - Soft Tissue Under Siege* held in St. John’s NFLD, June 2002
- Brown, C.L. (2001) “Sexual Assault and Effect on Income; “Estimating the Impact of Disability on Employment (HALS)””; “The Female-Male Earnings Gap: Starting Salary Offers for College Graduates” (discussant); “Roundtable on American/Canadian Forensic Practice (panelist)”, *NAFE – Western Economic Association International - 76th Annual Conference* held in San Francisco CA, July 2001
- Brown, C.L. (2001) “Calculating Damages in Personal Injury & Wrongful Death Claims” *Newfoundland Law Society & CLE* held in St. John’s NFLD, May 2001
- Brown, C.L. (2001) “Loss of Earning Capacity: When to Claim It and When Do You Need an Expert to Prove It? (HALS)”, *Canadian Bar Association, Personal Injury Sub-Section* held in Calgary AB, January 2001
- Brown, C.L. (2000) “The Impact of Brain Injury on Education, Training, and Employment Using Statistics Canada’s HALS Data”, *Canadian Coalition & Pacific Coast Brain Injury Conference – National Conference on Brain Injury* held in Vancouver BC, November 2000
- Brown, C.L. (2000) “Worklife Expectancy Applications and Forensic Economic Loss Analyses (panelist); “Roundtable on American/Canadian Forensic Practice (panelist)”, *NAFE – Western Economic Association International - 75th Annual Conference* held in Vancouver BC, July 2000
- Brown, C.L. (2000) *Canadian Law and Society Association (CLSA)* “The Application of Male Earnings Data to Injured Female Plaintiff” held in Lake Louise AB, June 2000

- Brown, C.L. (1999) “Housekeeping and ‘Duncan’ Claims”, *Canadian Bar Association (Northern Alberta Branch), Insurance Sub-Section* held in Edmonton AB, December 1999
- Brown, C.L. (1999) “Rehabilitation, Wage Loss and Future Care Costs”, *Lexpert – Difficult Spinal Cord & Nerve Damage Injury Claims* held in Calgary AB, October 1999
- Brown, C.L. (1999) “Loss of Income and Dependency Claims”; “Pension Loss Entitlements”, *Lexpert – How Much Is It Worth? State of the Art Personal Injury Damages* held in Halifax NS, September 1999
- Brown, C.L. (1999) “Loss of Income and Dependency Claims”; “Pension Loss Entitlements”, *Lexpert – How Much Is It Worth? State of the Art Personal Injury Damages* held in Calgary AB, April 1999
- Brown, C.L. (1999) “Loss of Housekeeping Capacity – An Economist’s View”; “Personal Injury” (panelist), *CBA Alberta Mid-winter Conference* held in Edmonton AB, January 1999
- Brown, C.L. (1998) “Present Value of Loss of Income & Future Cost of Care with an Emphasis on Contingencies”, *Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association (ACTLA) – “Damages: Building & Proving Your Case”* held in Calgary and Edmonton AB, October 1998
- Brown, C.L. (1998) “Dicey Future Income Loss Claims: Part 2. Income Losses for the Self-Employed”; *Lexpert – “Impeaching Credibility in High-Risk Personal Injury Claims”* held in Calgary AB, October 1998
- Brown, C.L. (1997) “Implications to an Economist of the Alberta Court of Appeal decision in *Duncan v. Baddeley*” (debate paper authored by Don McGarvey), *Canadian Bar Association (Northern Alberta Branch), Insurance Sub-Section* held in Edmonton AB, October 1997
- Brown, C.L. (1997) “Expert Witnesses in Civil Litigation”, *Alberta Government Civil Lawyers Association – Fall Conference* held in Banff AB, September 1997
- Brown, C.L. (1997) “Economic Advantages and Disadvantages of Marriage Breakdown”; “Maintenance Issues: Child & Spousal Support” (panelist), *Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia – Family Law Conference II* held in Vancouver BC, July 1997
- Brown, C.L. (1997) “Estimation of Damages in Personal Injury, Wrongful Death and Housekeeping Claims”; *Lexpert – “Personal Injury Claim Damages”* held in Calgary AB, June 1997
- Brown, C.L. (1996) “Loss of housekeeping capacity”; “1991 HALS”, *Canadian Bar Association (Southern Alberta Branch), Personal Injury Sub-Section* held in Calgary AB, May 1996
- Brown, C.L. (1996) “Loss of housekeeping capacity”, *Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association (ACTLA) – “Damages: Building & Proving Your Case”* held in Lethbridge AB, March 1996
- Brown, C.L. (1996) “Loss of housekeeping capacity”, *Alberta Association of Insurance Adjusters (Northern Chapter)* held in Edmonton AB, February 1996
- Brown, C.L. (1996) “Pension benefits” *Calgary District Labour Council* held in Calgary AB, February 1996
- Brown, C.L. (1996) “Calculation of Damages” *The Canadian Institute – “Motor Vehicle Personal Injury Damages”* held in Calgary AB, January 1996

Brown, C.L., A. Grand and J. Saunders (1996) “Child Personal Injury Claims”; *The Canadian Institute – “Motor Vehicle Personal Injury Damages”* held in Calgary AB, January 1996

Brown, C.L. (1994) “Future Income Loss: Career Women, Homemakers, Children, Lost Years & Ethnic Based Claims” *The Canadian Institute – “Serious Money Personal Injury Claims: Yesterday’s Rules No Longer Apply”* held in Calgary AB, September 1994

Brown, C.L. (1993) “Spousal Maintenance Claims Valuation” *Canadian Bar Association - Family Law Subsection* held in Vancouver BC, May 1993

Brown, C.L. (1993) “Spousal Maintenance Claims Valuation” *Canadian Bar Association - Family Law Subsection* held in Kelowna BC, April 1993

Brown, C.L. (1993) “Spousal Maintenance Claims Valuation” *Law Society of Saskatchewan Continuing Legal Education – Family Law Seminars* held in Saskatoon and Regina SK, March 1993

PROGRAM & CONFERENCE EXHIBITOR / SPONSOR:

<u>Conference / date</u>	<u>Role/topic</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>
<i>TLABC – Insights & Strategies for Calculating Damages</i> [2008]	Sponsor	Vancouver, BC
<i>Canadian Defense Lawyers (CDL) – “Boot camp”</i> [2008]	Sponsor	Calgary, AB
<i>ACTLA – The Expert Witness Seminar</i> [2007]	Exhibitor/sponsor	Calgary, AB
<i>CBA – Alberta Law Conference</i> [2007]	Exhibitor	Edmonton, AB
<i>TLABC – Chronic Pain</i> [2006]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Vancouver, BC
<i>ACTLA – Trial prep</i> [2006]	Attendee	Calgary, AB
<i>CBA – Alberta Law Conference</i> [2006]	Exhibitor	Calgary, AB
<i>CBA – Halifax sub-section</i> [2005]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Halifax, NS
<i>CBA – Alberta Law Conference</i> [2004]	Exhibitor	Calgary, AB
<i>ACTLA – Dealing with the other side’s experts</i> [2004]	Attendee	Calgary, AB
<i>CBA – Halifax sub-section</i> [2004]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Halifax, NS
<i>CBA – Halifax sub-section</i> [2003]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Halifax, NS
<i>CBA – Alberta Mid-winter conference</i> [2002]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Calgary, AB
<i>CBA – Halifax sub-section</i> [2002]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Halifax, NS
<i>University of Alberta - law faculty alumni</i> [2001]	Sponsor	Edmonton, AB
<i>CBA – Alberta Mid-winter conference</i> [2001]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Edmonton, AB
<i>CBA – National annual conference</i> [2001]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Saskatoon, SK
<i>ACTLA – Soft Tissue Injury Seminar</i> [2001]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Calgary, AB
<i>STLA</i> [2000]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Regina, SK
<i>CBA – National annual conference</i> [2000]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Halifax, NS
<i>TLABC – Brain injury conference</i> [2000]	Exhibitor	Vancouver, BC
<i>CBA – Alberta Mid-winter conference</i> [2000]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Calgary, AB
<i>TLABC – 2nd annual personal injury conference</i> [2000]	Exhibitor	Vancouver, BC
<i>TLABC – Seminar on damages</i> [1999]	Exhibitor	Vancouver, BC
<i>CBA - University of Alberta alumni</i> [1999]	Sponsor	Edmonton, AB
<i>ACTLA – Brain injury conference</i> [1999]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Calgary & Edmonton, AB
<i>CBA – Alberta Mid-winter conference</i> [1998]	Sponsor/exhibitor	Calgary, AB
<i>CBA – Alberta Mid-winter conference</i> [1997]	Sponsor/exhibitor/personal injury panelist	Edmonton, AB
<i>ACTLA – Soft tissue injury</i> [1996]	Exhibitor	Calgary & Edmonton, AB
<i>CBA – Alberta Mid-winter conference</i> [1996]	Sponsor (family law panel)	Banff, AB

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:

Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association (ACTLA)	1996 to present
Canadian Association of Business Economists (CABE)	1987 to present
The Economics Society of Calgary	1987 to present
National Association of Forensic Economists (NAFE)- US based	1995 to present
Society of Labor Economists – US based	1996 to present