



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- **Eight years as a political, parliamentary affairs and communications advisor to federal Liberal cabinet ministers.** *(Please see following page)*
- **Fourteen years as an international development, public affairs and communications consultant.** *(Please see below)*

2006 – present: Serving international development agencies, NGOs and private enterprise as a communications, media management, and public/political affairs advisor.

Communications and public affairs advisor (Panama City, Panama)
Cascade Consultants S.A. for Hatch Engineering Consulting Public affairs consultant for 3 infrastructure and climate-change mitigation projects: (Autoridad del Canal de Panamá; Metro Panamá; Changuinola-II hydro electric project).

Media & Communications Specialist (Tbilisi, Georgia)
United Nations Development Programme (www.undp.org/ge/)

- Advised Presidential Press Office on modernizing and refining political communications and media relations practices, public affairs campaigns.
- Designed and organized a series of training workshops for press office staff.

Project Manager, liaison to National Assembly (Hanoi, Vietnam)
(1-year contract with a development project funded by the Canadian government)
<https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/a032700001>

- Served as communications link to the Justice and Law Committees of Viet Nam's National Assembly; liaised with MPs, staff, Canadian representatives
- Planned and produced several large-scale workshops, training sessions and high-level meetings for Vietnamese Members of Parliament and senior officials

Advocacy Consultant - Special Projects (Two separate 1-year contracts)
United Nations Association of Canada (www.unac.org)

- Promoted UN activities & reports to national media, NGOs, elected officials
- Produced, promoted several large-scale events & international conferences
- Designed and disseminated newsletters, program guides, press materials
- Maintained website, posted original content, updates.
- Secured public funding, (Government of Canada) and private sponsorship

Long-Term Election Observer - Parliamentary elections (Lviv, Ukraine)
(Three-month contract with Government of Canada). <http://www.canadem.ca/home>

- Press relations, media monitoring, served as spokesperson (click to see video)
- Monitored and evaluated democratic conditions, wrote interim reports
- Organized and presented learning modules, training sessions to observers

Development & fundraising (contract) imagine1day International
Non-profit organization providing access to education in rural Ethiopia.

- Advised on advocacy, grant proposals, expanding organization's influence
- Created government relations strategy Contributed to/edited Annual Report.

Communications Advisor - West Vancouver Nature House Society

- Advised on communications plans, web-site development, advocacy
- Produced promotional video, for presentation to City Council, community groups

1998– 2006 **Political & communications advisor** to federal Canadian cabinet ministers

- **Parliamentary Affairs Advisor, Liaison to Justice Committee**
Office of Parliamentary Secretary and Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada, (Hon. Paul Macklin & Hon. Irwin Cotler)
 - During a minority parliament, helped to table, debate, negotiate and enact a sweeping legislative agenda, including new laws to protect children, the disabled, and other vulnerable members of Canadian society.
- **Chief of Staff** - Office of the Secretary of State for Sport (Hon. Paul DeVillers)
 - Managed budget in excess of \$4 million, helped to oversee federal department
 - Member of Canada's official delegation to the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics
 - Helped increase funding to programs that benefit Canadians with disabilities
- **Liaison to National Liberal Caucus Chair**
Office of Hon. Paul DeVillers
Served as conduit to Liberal parliamentarians and staff; Liaised with National Liberal Research Bureau, regional Caucus Chairs, Chief Government Whip's Office, PMO; Helped to organize legislative briefings, Caucus meetings
- **Parliamentary Communications**
Minister of Fisheries & Oceans. (Hon. Herb Dhaliwal)
 - Designed, produced and distributed newsletters, liaised with local media
 - Weekly reach of over two-hundred thousand subscribers across Canada
 - Directed communications for successful re-election campaign, managed media
- **Special Assistant**
Office of the Minister of National Revenue (Hon. Herb Dhaliwal)
 - Named by The Hill Times in their listing of "Top Hill Staffers"

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN and ELECTIONS EXPERIENCE

- Represented Elections Canada in multiple federal elections, (as Poll Supervisor, DRO, etc).
- Elections Ontario's Community Liaison for Ottawa West Nepean, 2025 (6-week contract)
- Worked on behalf of candidates in over a dozen federal and provincial campaigns, since 1984.
- Media & Communications – 2006 federal election campaign in Cobourg, ON
- Communications, Campaign Chair – 2004 federal election nomination campaign, Ottawa, ON
- Communications Chair, 2003 Ontario provincial election, Orleans, ON
- Media & Communications Director - 2000 federal election campaign, Vancouver, BC
- Member of 'Communications and Co-ordination Council' for Vancouver-area Liberal candidates, 2000
- Campaign Co-Chair - 1997 federal election campaign, Okanagan Coquihalla, BC.

EDUCATION

- Concordia University, Montreal – Bach. of Arts program, (Political Science and International Studies)
- Champlain CEGEP, St. Lambert, Quebec – *Diplome des Etudes Collegiales* program

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Extensive personal and professional references, including the directors of national organizations, Members of Parliament, senior government officials, Canadian diplomats, United Nations communications personnel, (on request).
- Listed on United Nation's roster as pre-cleared Spokesperson, Department of Peacekeeping Ops.
- Completed UN's "Advanced Security in the Field" courses, accredited for foreign deployments.
- Authored two UN-commissioned media and communications reports:
 - "[*Reporting Progress: Maximizing Opportunities in the President's Press Office*](#)", June 2007
 - "[*Implementing Progress: Clarity, Order and Structure in the President's Press Office*](#)", 2007
- Wide travel experience