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Nelson Amaral

Nelson Amaral was born and raised in Cambridge, Ontario and is a long time resident of Waterloo Region.

After graduating from Preston High School, Nelson worked several years for an international industrial corporation as a sales associate and field trainer. Nelson later enrolled at Wilfrid Laurier University where he obtained an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy. He then attended the University of Windsor where he was awarded a Master of Arts degree, also in philosophy, delivering a Master's thesis in bioethics relating to human genetics.

Thereafter, Nelson attended law school at the University of Western Ontario. During law school Nelson developed a keen interest in criminal law and was accepted into the criminal law concentration program. In addition to his academic pursuits at the time, Nelson excelled in the annual American Bar Association Negotiation Competition, and represented his law school at a number of national and international events. Nelson earned the title of Canadian Negotiation Champion two years in succession and went on to represent Canada in two international negotiation world championships. In 2004, he earned Canada a third place finish at the ABA International Negotiation Championship.

During the summer of 2004, Nelson was the recipient of the University of San Diego's Pierre Azard Scholarship and attended the International Law Institute at the University of Paris. He studied European Union Law under noted international scholar and Columbia law professor, George Bermann.

When the time came to article, Nelson chose the Kitchener-Waterloo office of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP. While articling, he was exposed to and worked on a number of commercial transactions including corporate reorganizations, asset purchases and corporate mergers. Nelson later went on to practice commercial civil litigation at the Waterloo based firm of Farhood, Boehler & Associates prior to joining Clifton Kok LLP.

Nelson is a long time supporter of the arts and in 2007 he was elected to the board of directors of the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery. In addition to his professional and community related interests, Nelson is a dedicated husband and is the father of two children.

Clifton Kok LLP is pleased to welcome Nelson to the firm to practice in the areas of condominium development and management law and may provide litigation advice and assistance to our existing clients.
