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**Constitutional Law  
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**Education**

B.A. McGill University, 1965  
LL.M., University of London, 1970  
Ph.D., University of London, 1976  
Inns of Court School of Law, London

Admitted to the Bar, England, 1968  
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Chris Harvey, Q.C., was born and raised in British Columbia. He practised in common law and commercial chambers in London, England until 1975. He was called to the British Columbia Bar in 1976 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1990.

Since 1976, Chris has practised in all aspects of environmental, fisheries, aboriginal and constitutional law. He has acquired extensive knowledge of constitutional aspects of the law relating to Aboriginal rights. He has appeared in the Supreme Court of Canada in many leading modern aboriginal rights cases including *R. v. Sparrow* and the *R. v. Van der Peet* trilogy acting for intervenors and for the Province of British Columbia.



**Representative Experience**

- Counsel for the incoming Band Council of the McLeod Lake Indian Band in Federal Court action arising out of disputed election
- Counsel for the Council of Forest Industries, Intervenor, in Kitkatla Band v. Minister of Forests and others in appeal to BC Court of Appeal regarding injunction proceedings to restrain logging.
- Counsel for Attorney General of BC in *R. v. Alfonse* and *R. v. Dick*: BC Court of Appeal (aboriginal hunting rights) and in *Martin v. Her Majesty* (Meares Island Land claim): Supreme Court of BC
- Counsel for fishing industry (intervenors) in *R. v. Sparrow*: Supreme Court of Canada (aboriginal fishing rights); *Attorney General v. Wale*: BC Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada (injunction); *Pacific Fisherman's Alliance v. R.*: Federal Court of Appeal (aboriginal fishing rights); *Reid v. Attorney General of Canada*: Federal Court, Trial Division (aboriginal claim to commercial fishing licenses); *R. v. Van der Peet* and associated cases: Supreme Court of B.C., B.C. Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada; (claim to aboriginal commercial fishing rights)
- Counsel for Chief Mountain and others: BC Supreme Court and Court of appeal (constitutional challenge to Nisga'a Treaty)