

## MICHAEL HWANG

Visionary and accomplished business and community leader with 30 years of experience in law, governance, and community service. Committed to co-operative values, truth and reconciliation and social justice with a proven track record in governance, strategic planning, and risk management.

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## Professional Experience

**Founder & Principal Lawyer:** Legal Educator, Pro Bono Lawyer, Real Estate, Business, Wills & Estate  
**Amicus Lawyers, New Westminster, 1992 - 2018, Part Time Associate Counsel since 2019 to present.**

*As the longest serving lawyer in Western Canada who is fluent in Korean language and culture, I had the privilege of serving over 6,000 clients in a wide range of areas, providing public legal education seminars and pro bono legal services in partnership with many non-profit organizations, training many articulated students and legal assistants, and helping to improve legal services in real estate and business.*

**CEO:** Performing Arts Producer, Programing Director, Financial Manager, Human Resources  
**Amicus Performing Arts Club Inc dba Columbia Theatre, New Westminster, 1998-2020**

**Chair of the Board:** Governance, Compliance, Risk Management  
**Sharons Credit Union, Greater Vancouver, 5 Branches, 2013-2016**

## Community Service

**Director:** Governance, Culturally sensitive senior housing & healthcare, Development & Construction, Merger  
**The New Vista Society, Burnaby, 2018-present.**

**Director:** Governance, Services for Urban Indigenous families and youth, Truth & Reconciliation  
**Spirit of the Children Society, New West. 2019 - 2023.**

**Task Force Chair & Member:** Public Hearings & Online Survey, Indigenous Business Engagement,  
**BC Small Business Task Force, 2018; BC Small Business Roundtable, 2018 - present.**

**Co-President:** Annual cultural festival organizer, governance leader, Intercultural understanding promoter  
**Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society, 2009 - 2011**

**Director:** Policy Governance conversion & implementation, personal care, counselling, food banks, fundraising  
**SHARE Family & Community Services Society, 2001 - 2007.**

**Founder / Chair:** Annual Cultural Festival Coordinator, Fundraiser,  
**Korean Heritage Day Festival, 2001-2004**

## **Business Improvement Associations & Chambers of Commerce**

**President, New Westminster Downtown BIA, 2009-2011**

**Founding Member and President, North Road BIA, 2003 - 2008**

**Director, Burnaby Board of Trade, 2007-2009**

## **Education**

Bachelor of Arts (Maj. Criminology Min. Psychology), The Faculty of General Studies, SFU (1986)

Juris Doctor, Faculty of Law, UBC (1989)

Professional Legal Training Course, Law Society of BC (1990)

Articling Program, Bull, Housser & Tupper, Barristers & Solicitors (1990)

Continuing Legal Education courses with focus on Business, Real Estate, Aboriginal Laws and Legal Orders, Mediation (1991 - 2023)

Level A of the **Credit Union Directors'** Achievement (CUDA) Program (2013)

## **Skills**

- **Financial literacy for board and financial committee oversight roles**
- **Legal drafting and file management**
- **Working knowledge of John Carver's Policy Governance Model**
- **Proficient with most commonly used business and communication software and electronic devices**
- **Class 4, 5 and 5 driver's licence; Pleasure Craft Operators Card; basic familiarity with general aviation.**
- **Fluent in English and Korean; some familiarity with French and Spanish**

## **Hobbies**

- **Gardening Vegetables, Fruit & Flowers**
- **Travelling (over 26 countries)**
- **History & Heritage**
- **Motorcycling / Fishing**

## **Awards & Recognitions**

- **The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, 2003 for community services**
- **Business Person of the Year, 2007, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce**
- **Reader's Choice Law Firm, 2011, The Record (New West newspaper)**