

William Cahill departed St. Bonaventure's College in 1996 as a young man of strong character and integrity, who continues to achieve monumental personal and professional growth. Like many St. Bon's graduates of his era, William went on to proudly attend Brother Rice High School from 1996-1999 followed by Gonzaga High School, where he graduated in 2000. William went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 2004, followed by a Bachelor of Law from Dalhousie University in 2007. William was called to the Newfoundland and Labrador bar in 2008.

Today, William is a well-respected partner at the St. John's office of Cox & Palmer, one of the province's largest law firms, and has achieved considerable success across several areas of practice. He has a national reputation in the Marine and Mining law sectors and has been listed as a leading practitioner by the publication, *The Best Lawyers in Canada*, for his practice in the areas of Mining Law, Banking and Financial Institutions, and shipping and Maritime Law.

In 2017, William was named a Lexpert Rising Star: Leading Lawyers Under 40. The annual Lexpert Rising Stars awards are presented to lawyers from law firms and in-house counsel, age 40 or under, who are up-and-coming in the Canadian legal community. Lexpert selects winners based on their outstanding legal work, client service strategy, community involvement, contribution to organizational success, as well as their professional awards and accolades.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, William believes strongly in community service and is an avid volunteer who has lended and continues to lend his expertise to numerous local and national charitable organizations. As a lawyer, William believes that the best way to demonstrate his commitment to justice is to lend his expertise to groups in need of active volunteers.

William is particularly proud of his involvement with the Air Cadet program, a free program which services youth ages 12-18 of all economic backgrounds. William himself was an Air Cadet from 1995-2001 and proudly earned his private pilot's licence in 2000. Upon graduation from the program, as a Warrant Officer First Class, William served as a reservist in the Cadet Instructors Cadre, volunteering countless hours to several Air Cadet Squadrons in Newfoundland and Labrador as well as Nova Scotia. Upon his release from the Canadian Forces in 2012, William joined the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada, volunteering in various capacities, including two terms as the Provincial Chairperson from 2019-2021. In 2019 William was recognized with a Certificate of honour for his outstanding service to the program. In 2022 William was elected as a member of the Board of Governors of the Air Cadet League of Canada and was awarded the Air Cadet League of Canada Volunteer Long Service Medal.

Since June 2010, William has served as a Director and Honourary Counsel of the Provincial Council of St. John Ambulance, an organization that provides first aid training and medical assistance to people in need. William has served as Provincial Chairperson from June 2019 to June 2021, a critical time for St. John Ambulance as they attempted to navigate the uncertain waters of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, William has

served as the Eastern Canadian representative on the National Honours and Awards Committee and currently serves as the Eastern Canadian representative on the Advancements and Relations Development Committee. In 2015, in recognition of his service to St. John Ambulance, William was invested as a serving member in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem and he was promoted to Officer in 2023. In 2022 William was awarded the Service Medal of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem for ten years of service to St. John Ambulance.

Other notable volunteer positions include being 1 of 3 founding directors of 100 Men Who Give a Damn NL who, from 2014-2017, raised over \$150,000, all of which went to support local charities, serving in various capacities with the Canadian Bar Association both locally and nationally, and serving as a Director of Mining Industry NL, , a not-for-profit business association representing all sectors of the mineral industry in Newfoundland and Labrador, for 9 years from 2013-2021.

A proud Alumnus of St. Bon's, in 2007, William helped establish the St. Bonaventure's Alumni Committee, and was instrumental in establishing the Annual Alumni Dinner and Awards, which raises funds for the school's bursary program. William sits on the board of directors of St. Bonaventure's College Endowment Inc. and, in 2021, he was elected as a member of the Board of Governors at a time when the future of the school was in doubt due to the insolvency of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's. William, along with a small group of like-minded volunteers, formed a working group with the Basilica Heritage Foundation to secure the purchase the Basilica block.

William would say that his most important role is that of a loving husband and father. Despite a busy practice, and countless volunteer hours, you can often find William at the hockey rink with his wife Laura, cheering on their children, Nathan (age 12) and Sarah (age 9), both proud St. Bon's students.