

# Bijan Ahmadian

## Education

### University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver

- Enrolled fulltime in Juris Doctor (Law) and Masters of Business Administration degrees **Sep 2007 – present**
- Bachelor of Applied Science: Engineering Physics, Option: Electrical **Sep 1998 – Apr 2007**

### Justice Institute of BC – Centre for Conflict Resolution, New Westminster

- Conflict Resolution Certificate in Negotiation **Jan 2001 – Aug 2004**

## Awards and Achievements

### Nestor Korchinsky Student Leadership Award UBC Student Leadership Conference **Jan 2008**

Awarded annually to an accomplished student leader who has distinguished themselves through their achievements, service and contributions to the common good at the University of British Columbia.

### J. Allan Beasley Achievement Award UBC Sigma Chi Fraternity **Feb 2005, 2006**

Awarded to a fraternity member for all-round achievements in areas of academic, athletic, community service, and professional development.

### Peter Cahoon Memorial Research Award UBC Electrical and Computer Engineering **May 2001**

### Leader of the Year Award Imagine UBC Orientation **Nov 2000**

Awarded to one of about five hundred orientation leaders based on nominations from first year students

## Employment

### Research Assistant **Nov 2008 – Aug 2009**

- Assisting in legal research for the Canadian Law of Architecture and Engineering, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.  
Authors: Hon. Beverley M. McLachlin, Hon. Wilfred J. Wallace, Arthur Grant, Derek Chapman

### Research Assistant Prof. Stephen Toope, UBC President's Office **Aug 2007 – Dec 2007**

- Updated statistics in presentations, and added citations and bibliography
- Created a bibliographic source on the topic of human disappearances and genocide
- Created annotated outline on the use of force in international law

**Jun 2008 – Jul 2008**

### Director and Co-Founder SmartWeb Canada ([www.smartwebcanada.com](http://www.smartwebcanada.com)) **Sep 2004 – Jan 2007**

Fulltime: May – Aug 2005 and May – Dec 2006

- Directed expansion of the operation from one employee to three within three years
- Negotiated distribution rights with owners of the intellectual property rights of WebAlive™ web-builder
- Developed business and marketing plans for sales of WebAlive™ licenses and for recruitment of resellers
- Managed human resources including recruitment, training, conflict resolution and supervision
- Developed administrative processes for daily operations such as sales cycle and customer support

### Ombudsperson (Fulltime) Alma Mater Society (AMS), UBC **May 2002 – Apr 2003**

- Investigated and mediated disputes between students and AMS/UBC administration
- Developed and presented conflict resolution workshops for students
- Devised marketing initiatives to make the service more accessible to students
- Hired and trained staff and volunteers
- Drafted and implemented budget and developed record keeping mechanisms
- During this time, the office received the 2003 Helen McCrae Award for “exceptional contributions and significant improvements to student experience and learning environment at UBC.”

### Algorithm Analyst (Fulltime) Electrical and Computer Engineering, UBC **May – Jul 2001**

- Implemented a mathematical model to increase accuracy in rendering of satellite pictures

### Network Administrator (Fulltime) Grand & Toy, Vancouver **Jan – Apr 2000**

- Administered *Novell* Wide Area Network and provided technical customer service

## Select Leadership and Volunteer Experiences

### Elected Student Representative UBC Board of Governors Apr 2008 – Apr 2010

- The Board of Governors is the highest decision making body at UBC and is responsible for managing, administering and controlling the property, revenue, and affairs of the University.

### Elected First-year Representative UBC Law Students' Society Sep 2007 – Apr 2008

- Represented the first year class on the Academic Issues Caucus and Faculty Council
- Created an online forum for communicating with the first year class

### Coordinator UBC student-directed seminar in Conflict Management Systems Aug 2006 – Apr 2007

- Developed proposal for the course, its reading lists and marking rubric
- Facilitated a conflict-management-system design for an Engineering firm
  - Interviewed the firm's staff about current disputes and dispute resolution methods
  - Submitted a recommendation report describing how to apply interest-based dispute resolution options that fit with the culture and infrastructure of the firm

### Member UBC December 6<sup>th</sup> Memorial Committee commemorating National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women May 2005 – Mar 2006

- Adjudicated on submitted student ideas for a permanent form of memorial

### Elected Student Senator Faculty of Applied Science, UBC Senate Sep 2004 – Apr 2007

- Launched a now-annual consultation for collecting students' feedback on quality of their academic experience
- Negotiated policies on students' behalf with the Dean's Office and the Senate Academic Policy Committee
- Member of the Committee on Appeals of Assigned Standing, which adjudicated grade disputes
- Member of the Search Committee for the position of UBC VP Academic and Provost
  - Assigned to the subcommittee reviewing the job description
  - Interviewed short-listed candidates
- Also member of Council of Senates and sat on committees such as Agenda, Tributes, Academic Building Needs and President's Property and Planning Advisory Committee

### UBC Delegate to National Model United Nations Conference New York Apr 2004

- Negotiated as Denmark on the World Intellectual Property Organization Committee
- Wrote a position paper on Patent Protection and Developing Countries' Access to Pharmaceuticals

### Representative Dubai, United Arab Emirates May 1999 – May 2001 Canadian Education Network (CEN)

- Organized conferences in Canadian Consulate and schools in Dubai for promoting Canadian education
- Maintained regular contact with CEN's recruited students throughout their first year

### Orientation Leader Imagine UBC Orientation Program Feb 1999 – Feb 2002

- Organized Frosh Week and a charity hypnosis show raising funds for Red Cross and UNICEF after Sep 11<sup>th</sup>
- Developed and presented a 4-hour workshop on "Peer Communication Skills"

## Languages

Fluent in Persian/Farsi

## Interests

- Performer and Dancer-in-Training Vancouver Jan 2004 – present
  - Performing Persian folkloric dances, including a lead role, with Vancouver Pars National Ballet
  - Trained performers and choreographed dances for UBC's International Week celebrations
- Travelling
- Swimming
- Reading Autobiographies