

# **Michael Bryant**

**Owner & Operator at Humilitus Group Ltd.**

Toronto, Canada Area, ON, CA

Former Cabinet Minister, Harvard-educated lawyer, best-selling author.

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## **Biography**

Michael Bryant has a background in politics, law, and addiction treatment. Attorney General for Ontario (2003-2007) and the Province's first Minister of Aboriginal Affairs (2007/08), Bryant was a Member of Provincial Parliament in Toronto for a decade.

As Attorney General, he overhauled the Ontario Human Rights System, re-established both the Police Complaints Commission and the Law Reform Commission, banned pitbulls, and established paralegals as a regulated profession in Ontario. As Minister of Economic Development, he worked with management, labour, and federal authorities in Canada and the U.S., during the auto industry crisis of 2008/09.

Bryant earned his graduate degrees at Harvard Law School and at the University of British Columbia -- both in aboriginal affairs -- and his first law degree at Osgoode Hall Law School, graduating 2nd in his class. He is a former Supreme Court of Canada law clerk to the current Chief Justice of Canada, and has authored academic works in aboriginal rights and criminal law, including the book *Public Law* (Carswell), co-authored with the current Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, Lorne Sossin.

Bryant recently authored the *Globe and Mail* #1 Bestseller "28 Seconds," published by Penguin Canada.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Host/MC, Author Appearance, Corporate Training

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## **Industry Expertise**

Government Relations, Public Policy, Legal Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Addiction, Alcoholism, Justice Reform

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## **Sample Talks**

### **From Pedestal to Pillory: A Tale of Tragedy and Hope**

Everyone faces tragedies: losing a family member, marriage separation, alcoholism, random confrontation on city streets, even trouble with the law. Michael Bryant faced all of those at once, during and soon after a decade as one of Canada's brightest political stars. A #1 best-selling author and Harvard-educated lawyer, Bryant speaks with incredible candour about his personal challenges, in the hopes of helping others.

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## **Education**

### **Harvard Law School**

LL.M. Public Affairs and First Nations Relations

### **Osgoode Hall Law School (York U)**

J.D. Law

### **University of British Columbia**

M.A. Political Science

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B.A. English

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Ontario Cabinet Minister**

Attorney General, Minister of Economic Development, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Responsible for Democratic Renewal, Government House Leader (2003-2009). Member of Provincial Parliament 1999-2009.

### **Best Selling Author**

28 Seconds: A True Story of Addiction, Tragedy and Hope (Penguin, 2012), debuting as Globe & Mail #1 Best Seller.

### **Lawyer**

Norton Rose LLP (2009-11), McCarthy Tetrault LLP (1995-99).

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