Mike West hails from Orangeville, Ontario, where he lives with his wife, Alison and their two sons, Colton and Tyler. Throughout his judging career, Mike has had the opportunity to judge locally, provincially and internationally. Not only has he judged many County Shows throughout Ontario, he has also had the privilege to judge in British Columbia, as well as internationally in Japan, Brazil, Costa Rica, and Australia. In 2013, Mike had the honour to judge the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic Showmanship Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Currently, Mike works for Semex as a Genetic Development Representative where he is responsible for developing genetic solutions that help dairy producers further advance the genetics within their herds. On his free time, Mike takes time to enjoy many outdoor activities and sports.