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Dirk acts in construction disputes, surety claims, procurement, commercial litigation, insurance coverage disputes, risk management, and real estate litigation. His practice also includes media law, defamation, lobbyist registration, and electoral law.

Experience

- *Wolverine Construction v. Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company*, 2023 BCSC 405
- *Lloydminster (City) v. Alberta Asphalt Enterprises Inc.*, 2022 ABQB 55, 77 CPC (8th) 308
- *Centura Building Systems (2013) Ltd. v. 601 Main Partnership*, 2022 BCSC 295
- *Strata Plan BCS 1165 v. National Home Warranty Group Inc.*, 2015 BCSC 1122
- *Strata Plan BCS 1348 v. Travelers Guarantee Co. of Canada*, 2014 BCSC 1468, 69 BCLR (5th) 341
- *Shun Cheong Holdings BC Ltd. v. Gold Ocean City Supermarket Ltd*, 2002 BCCA 451, 4 B.C.L.R. (4th) 234

Insights & Events

- Author, "New registration thresholds for in-house lobbyists: Incoming stricter federal requirements", BLG Article, December 2025
- Author, "B.C. introduces new Construction Prompt Payment Act", BLG Article, October 2025

- Author, "The federal government is finally creating a foreign influence registry — Are you ready?", BLG Article, May 2024
- Author, "External pressure: New federal foreign influence transparency registry likely to be established soon in Canada", BLG Article, July 2023
- Author, "The Rule of 40: What elected officials in Alberta need to know about the Recall Act", BLG Article, February 2022
- Speaker, "Canadian Surety Legal Update," Surety Association of Canada, February 8, 2022
- Author, "10 things you might not know about the British Columbia Builders Lien Act", BLG Article, December 2021
- Author, "British Columbia enacts strict new rules in its lobbyist registration regime", BLG Article, June 2020
- Co-Author, "Canadian Construction Law Reform: A Survey of Recent Developments in Builders Liens, Prompt Payment, Interim Adjudication and Mandatory Construction Bonding," (M.A. Skene and D.H. Laudan) 2020 Journal of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers 93, January 2020.
- Co-Author, "Valard Construction Ltd. v. Bird Construction Co.: The Limited Duty to Advise Potential Claimants of the Existence of an L&M Bond," On-Site Magazine, April 2018.
- Author, "What is the holdback anyway?" On-Site Magazine, December 2017.
- Author, "Your Insurer's Duty to Defend You in Court," On-Site Magazine, April 2017.
- Author, "When the Owner Makes You Late - The 'Prevention Principle' in Construction Contracts," Construction Business, August 2016.
- Co-Author, "Substantial Compliance can be Pretty Strict: Complying with Terms of Tender," On-Site Magazine, June 2016.
- Co-Author, "Is There an L&M Bond? Maybe You Should Ask..." On-Site Magazine, April 2016.
- Co-author, "Time at large in Canada," J. Can. College Constr. Lawyers 71: 1–23, 2011
- Author, BC Litigator's Pocket Reference, LexisNexis 2011 and updated 2012 (with D.H. Laudan and I. Nishisato)
- Author, Guide to Builders Liens in British Columbia, Carswell.
- British Columbia Contributing Legal Education Society
- British Columbia Litigators Pocket Reference LexisNexis
- Co-editor and contributing author, British Columbia Builders Lien Practice Manual
- Contributing Author, "Bonds and Subcontractor Direct Insurance," British Columbia Builders Lien Practice Manual, British Columbia Contributing Legal Education Society.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Faculty, Osgoode Hall Certificate in Construction Law: Western Canada Edition, York University (April 2021)
- Fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
- Canadian Bar Association (CBA) Construction Law Section, BC Branch: Member, 1997-present; past Chair; past CBA National Construction Section, Executive Committee Member
- Member, Surety Association of Canada, BC Regional Committee
- Member, American Institute of Parliamentarians
- Committee Member, British Columbia Law Institute (BCLI) Builders Lien Reform Project, 2014-present

Community Involvement

- President, St. George's School Old Boys' Association 2016 to 2018

- Vice Chair, The Sir John A Macdonald Historical Society (Vancouver)

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2016) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Construction Law)
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Construction Law)
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a Litigation Star
- Recognized in the 2023 and 2022 editions of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Construction Law)
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of the *Doyle's Guide - Leading Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure Lawyers – British Columbia*
- Martindale-Hubbell DistinguishedSM

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 1997
- LLB, University of British Columbia, 1995
- BA, University of Toronto, (Trinity College), 1991

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