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Zach has a multi-jurisdictional complex commercial litigation practice. He focuses on:

- corporate commercial litigation
- construction law disputes
- intellectual property litigation
- employment litigation
- commercial arbitration

Zach has acted as counsel on matters appearing before all levels of court in Alberta and also has experience acting or assisting on matters appearing before the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan, the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan, the Federal Court, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Canada (leave to appeal) and private commercial arbitration tribunals (both domestic and international).

Zach is a member of BLG's International Trade and Arbitration Group. He also sits on the Board of Directors of a non-profit, MitoCanada Foundation, and on the Executive of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (South) subsection of the Canadian Bar Association.

Experience

- Lead counsel to a former partner in a partnership in two successful applications before the Court of King's Bench for Saskatchewan to stay a court action in favour of domestic arbitration and appoint an arbitrator in that arbitration, respectively.

- Represented a professional organization in a successful application before the Court of King's Bench for Saskatchewan to dismiss an action for a lack of territorial competence.
- Co-counsel to an investment entity regarding a \$60 million dispute involving the ownership and development of natural-gas fired power plants by a complex structure of limited partnerships before the Court of King's Bench of Alberta.
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- Co-counsel to an EPC contractor in a \$300 million domestic arbitration regarding the construction and operation of a carbon capture plant.
- Co-counsel to an EPC contractor in a successful application before the Court of Queens Bench for Saskatchewan for leave to appeal a domestic arbitration award.
- Co-counsel to a technology company in a successful defence of an application before the Court of King's Bench of Alberta to set-aside an international arbitration award (2017 ABQB 559)
- Co-counsel to a commercial landlord in a successful application to stay an Alberta court action in favour of arbitration.
- Co-counsel to a claimant in an international arbitration conducted pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement.
- Co-counsel to a large commercial tenant in a dispute before the Court of Queens Bench of Alberta regarding COVID-19 related store closures.
- Co-counsel to a former employee in a dispute before the Court of King's Bench for Saskatchewan regarding allegations of breach of confidence, breach of fiduciary duty, conversion, and conspiracy.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta sheds light on an arbitrator's discretion to voluntarily resign", BLG Article, August 2022
- Diversity and ADR: an Advocates' Perspective and Why it Matters for Your Case, ADRIC 2021: Culture, Conflict and Confluence Webinar Series, November 25, 2021
- Author, "Omitting the fine print: Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench refuses to enforce arbitration clause", BLG Article, September 2021
- Author, "COVID-19: Shareholder and corporate disputes", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "COVID-19: issues for the Canadian oil & gas industry", BLG Article, March 2020
- Co-Author, "Courts vs Private Arbitration: Arbitrators Can Decide Who Has Jurisdiction," The Energy Law Advisor, March 2018

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Member, Advocates' Society
- Member, Calgary Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners

Community Involvement

- Member of Board of Directors, MitoCanada Foundation
- Volunteer Mentor, Advocate's Society
- Volunteer Mentor, UVic Alumni Connect
- Volunteer Mentor, Student Legal Assistance
- Volunteer Mentor, Canadian Bar Association
- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids
- Volunteer, Civil Claims Duty Counsel, Provincial Court of Alberta
- Volunteer, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench Amicus Project

Bar Admission & Education

- Saskatchewan, 2018
- Alberta, 2017
- JD, University of Victoria, 2016
- BA, University of Calgary, 2013

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