



## Justine Blanchet

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Justine's practice focuses on complex personal injury defence including health care matters, professional negligence, product liability, automobile accidents, fires, floods, directors and officers liability, commercial host liability, commercial construction, and coverage. Justine has a particular interest in health law and sports and recreation.

She has appeared before all levels of the Alberta courts.

Before joining BLG, she articulated and was an associate with a regional law firm, working in insurance, business services and wealth management.

She is fluent in English and French.

## Experience

- Acts for a variety of insurers, manufacturers and distributors in defence of personal injury claims arising from professional negligence, product liability, motor vehicle collisions, slip and falls, pedestrian accidents, commercial construction disputes, and commercial host liability.
- Defends a variety of medical and paramedical professionals in litigation and administrative proceedings.
- Provides risk management advice to senior living clients and health care authorities.

- Acts for insurers with respect to a variety of professional negligence claims, including directors and officers liability and errors and omissions claims.
- Acts for insurers with respect to disputes over surety bond claims.
- Acts for a variety of insurance companies in subrogated matters and providing coverage opinions.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Alberta Budget 2023: Surplus, spending and a Spring election", BLG Article, March 2023
- Author, "Wrongful life claims: an update from the SCC", BLG Article, June 2022
- Author, "Game On: Reopening sports and recreation during COVID-19", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "SCC Denies Leave in Chronic Pain Case", BLG Article, June 2019
- Author, "SCC Denies Leave to Appeal Issue of Vicarious Liability in WCB Vehicle Collision Claim", BLG Article, February 2019
- Author, "BLG Successfully Defends Damages Award in Chronic Pain Case at Alberta Court of Appeal", BLG Article, December 2018
- Author, "Chronic Pain in Alberta: Know Your Case Before Going to Trial", BLG Article, June 2016

## Beyond our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Women's Leadership Development Committee
- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Chair, Alberta Insurance South Section, Canadian Bar Association

### Community Involvement

- Volunteer, Calgary Legal Guidance
- Volunteer, QB Amicus Project
- Volunteer, Civil Claims Duty Counsel Project
- Volunteer, Project Homeless Calgary
- Volunteer, Pro Bono Law Alberta
- Volunteer, Children's Legal & Educational Resource Centre
- Volunteer, BLG United Way Campaign

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Health Care Law) and the 2024 edition (and since 2021) (Personal Injury Litigation)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition Litigation*
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2021) of *Benchmark Canada* as a Future Star
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert*® *Directory* as a Leading Lawyer to Watch (Litigation - Product Liability)

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2022
- Alberta, 2009
- Northwest Territories, 2016
  
- LLB, University of Alberta, 2008
- BA (Hons.), political science & international relations, Carleton University, 2005

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