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Steve Warnett has a robust commercial disputes practice and is widely recognized as a leading counsel in corporate and securities disputes.

He regularly represents his clients in disputes involving corporations and their shareholders, including oppression proceedings, derivative actions, secondary market liability claims, proxy contests, plans of arrangement and corporate governance matters.

Steve has extensive experience in dealing with various securities regulators in both compliance and enforcement proceedings, including the British Columbia Securities Commission (BCSC).

His comprehensive securities litigation practice includes the defence of professional negligence and breach of fiduciary duty actions, class actions, shareholder actions, and other securities-related civil proceedings.

In addition to providing litigation representation, Steve provides practical and proactive advice to corporations and their Boards and Board committees.

Steve is also recognized for his work in domestic and international commercial arbitration and intellectual property litigation, among other areas. He has appeared before all levels of court in British Columbia, the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal.

Before being called to the bar, Steve completed a judicial clerkship with the Court of Appeal for British Columbia from 2000-2001.

Experience

- *AtlasHub Holdings Ltd. v. Acel Power Inc.*, *2026 BCSC 1112*
- *9095900 Canada Ltd. v. Baikoghli*, 2026 BCSC 839
- *Muddy Waters Capital LLC v. Mayfair Gold Corp.*, 2024 BCSC 1233
- *Yen v. Ghahramani*, 2023 BCCA 403
- *TCPO Holding Corp. (Re)*, 2023 BCSC 1402
- *Prescott Strategic Investments Limited Partnership v. Flair Airlines Ltd*, 2022 BCCA 443
- *Lower v. Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada*, 2022 BCCA 285
- *Farrish v. Delta Hospice Society*, 2021 BCSC 1374
- *Farrish v. Delta Hospice Society,* 2020 BCCA 312
- *Lower v. Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada,* 2019 BCSC 2188
- *Dais v. Virvilis,* 2020 BCSC 35
- *Dais v. Virvilis*, 2018 BCSC 459
- *Tracey v. Gokturk*, 2017 BCSC 1813
- *DeCotiis v. Petromin Resources Ltd.*, 2016 BCSC 1408
- *Mikulic v. Peter*, 2013 BCSC 941
- *Vista Radio Ltd. v. Tivadar*, 2017 BCSC 1195
- *Milne v. Milne*, 2014 BCSC 2423
- *Drover v. BCE Inc.*, 2015 BCCA 132

Insights & Events

- Co-Chair and Presenter, "Shareholders' Disputes 2015," CLE BC, April 2015.
- Co-Author, " B.C. Court of Appeal Overturns Class Certification in Patents Case, Finding Patent Regime to be Complete Code in Respect of Remedies," Risk Management in Canadian Health Care, February 2016
- Author, "No Cause of Action to Support Consumer Class Certification Says B.C. Court of Appeal," June 2015.
- Author, "Just and equitable liquidation and dissolution: a remedy for shareholder disputes", BLG Article, October 2026
- Author, "A primer on the oppression remedy", BLG Article, December 2024
- Author, "BC Court of Appeal overturns Class Certification in Patents Case, finding Patent Regime to be Complete Code in respect of Remedies ", BLG Article, January 2016

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch, Civil Litigation Section

- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Young International Arbitration Group

Community Involvement

- Chair, BLG Vancouver Pro Bono Committee
- Member, BLG National Pro Bono Committee
- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids Program
- Coach, West Vancouver Field Hockey Club

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2021) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Commercial Litigation) and since 2021 (Appellate Practice).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2022) of *Benchmark Litigation — The definitive guide to litigation firms and attorneys in Canada* as a "Litigation Star" (Securities; Commercial), and in 2021 as a "Future Star".

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2001

- BA in History, Simon Fraser University, 1997
- LLB, University of British Columbia, 2000

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