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Sean maintains a diversified commercial litigation and administrative law practice. He focuses on complex corporate and commercial litigation, including contractual disputes, fraud, shareholder oppression and on judicial reviews of administrative tribunal decisions.

Sean has appeared as counsel before all levels of court in British Columbia and in the Federal Court of Appeal. In addition, Sean has a track record of successfully obtaining extraordinary relief for his clients including Mareva injunctions (asset freezing) and Norwich Pharmacal orders (pre-litigation third party discovery), particularly in the context of fraud asset recovery.

He represents domestic and international clients, both public and private, across a broad range of industries including mining, natural resources and banking and financial services.

Outside of his practice, Sean sits as the Past-President of the Vancouver Bar Association, co-chairs the CLEBC Collections Practice Basics Course, and volunteers as a mentor with the British Columbia Branch of the Canadian Bar Association.

Experience

- *Delta Automotive Ltd. v. 4846 Elliott St Ltd.,* 2024 BCSC 2246 - counsel for the respondent commercial landlord on the successful dismissal of an application for relief from forfeiture.
- *Joudaki v. Ward,* 2024 BCSC 989 - counsel for the landlord petitioners on the successful application for judicial review of a Residential Tenancy Branch decision.

- *Acosta v. Middlegate Development Ltd.*, 2024 BCSC 732 - counsel to the respondent landlord on the successful dismissal of an application for judicial review of a Residential Tenancy Branch decision.
- *Reynolds v. Deep Water Recovery Ltd.*, 2024 BCSC 570 - counsel for the respondent on an application under the Protection of Public Participation Act to dismiss a Counterclaim.
- *RGN Management Limited Partnership v. 7th Light Education Group Inc.*, 2023 BCCA 333 - counsel to the respondent on cross-appeal on a successful application for security for costs of the cross-appeal.
- *Middlegate Development Ltd. v. Acosta,* 2023 BCCA 459 - counsel to the appellant landlord on an appeal from a judicial review of a Residential Tenancy Branch decision.
- *Deep Water Recovery Ltd. v. Reynolds*, 2023 BCCA 204 - counsel to the appellant on an application for a stay of proceedings.
- *Trainor-Degirolamo v. British Columbia (Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development)*, 2022 BCCA 306 - counsel to the appellant on cross-appeal from a judicial review of a decision of the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to grant a license of occupation.
- *Nguyen v. Ly*, 2022 BCSC 2347 - counsel for the petitioner tenant on an application for judicial review of a Residential Tenancy Branch decision.
- *Canada (Environment and Climate Change) v. Ermineskin Cree Nation*, 2022 FCA 123 - counsel to the respondent on an appeal from a judicial review of a decision of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to issue a designation order under subsection 9(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*.

Insights & Events

- Author, ""Time is of the essence" in contracts: What the SCC may decide in Cold Ocean Salmon", BLG Article, October 2026
- Author, "Broken beyond repair: Court declines to grant relief from forfeiture due to tenant's poor conduct", BLG Article, February 2025
- Author, "Diving deeper into the PPPA: Reynolds v Deep Water Recovery Ltd.", BLG Article, February 2025
- Co-Author, "Commercial Litigation and Cross-border Enforcement," Global Legal Post, September 2023
- Co-Author, "COVID-19 and the Frustrated Contract Act," CBABC Business Law Quarterly, Q2 2020
- Co-Author, "Inching Towards Clarity: Recent Judicial Commentary on Full Indemnity Cost Awards in Domestic Arbitrations," ADR Perspectives Newsletter, Volume 8, Number 4, December 2021

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Duty Counsel, Access Pro Bono
- President, Vancouver Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* as "Ones to Watch" (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2020

- BA, University of British Columbia, 2015
- JD, Western University, 2019

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