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Construction
Construction Disputes
Contract Disputes

As a member of the Construction Group, Callan practices civil litigation and dispute resolution in the areas of construction and insurance.

Callan acts primarily for contractors, subcontractors, engineers, architects, and other design professionals in construction dispute claims, including claims for coverage and indemnification against insurers on complex Builder's Risk, Wrap-Up, Commercial General Liability, and Professional Liability policies. Callan has worked on files involving the construction of mines, marine terminals, hospitals, universities, residential developments, and infrastructure projects. Callan also has experience in domestic arbitrations.

Prior to being at BLG, Callan worked for a regional law firm acting primarily for insurers in defending insureds as well as defending coverage claims, providing Callan with insight into how insurers approach adjusting and covering claims by insureds.

Callan has advocated on behalf of clients in the Supreme and Provincial Courts of British Columbia and the Court of King's Bench of Saskatchewan. Callan is also fluent in German.

Experience

- Counsel in the resolution of a complex construction defects claim which resulted in a multi-million dollar settlement for the client.
- Counsel on a claim against an insurer for indemnification which resulted in a multi-million dollar settlement at mediation.

- Lead counsel in a residential construction defects claim by an owner against an engineer and contractor which resulted in a 6 figure settlement at mediation.

Insights & Events

- Co-authors, "Laser scanning in construction," On-Site Magazine, November 24, 2022
- Presenter, “Medical Marijuana – Legal Issues in the Personal Injury Context,” CBA CB Presentation, January 2019
- Author, “The Breach of a Statutory Provision Does Not Determine Negligence,” RMC Newsletter, January 2018

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Vancouver Bar Association, since 2018

Community Involvement

- (Past) Regional Director, Kidney Foundation of Canada

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2018
- Saskatchewan, 2022

- JD, Thompson Rivers University, 2017
- BA, University of British Columbia, 2011

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