Product liability claims in Canadian maritime law

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Introduction

Canadian maritime law operates within a distinct legal sphere developed and shaped by common law, statute, and the Canadian Constitution. Compared to other areas of Canadian law, maritime law often presents unique challenges to those unfamiliar with its highly specialized nature. Where product liability claims have a maritime aspect or are fully part of the maritime context, legal professionals must have a strong understanding of Canadian maritime law to spot the relevant issues and assess them properly. In this article, the authors provide a high-level overview of Canadian maritime law as it relates to product liability and provide practical insights for commencing or defending these proceedings in Canada. In addition, the authors highlight how changes in the technological landscape may impact product liability claims in the Canadian maritime context.

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