Patrick Heinsen K.C.

Partner

T 403.232.9794
F 403.266.1395
Calgary
PHeinsen@blg.com
LinkedIn

Health Care Disputes
Insurance Claim Defence
Products Law
Construction Disputes
Contract Disputes
Estate & Trust Litigation
Class Action Defence
Insurance

Patrick is a partner in BLG's Disputes Group. He has been practising law for over 20 years, primarily in the area of complex insurance defence. He is also an adjudicator with the Law Society of Alberta's Practice Review Committee.

Patrick's practice spans a broad range of insurance areas with his primary focus on defending professionals. These include claims advanced against architects, engineers (in disciplines including structural, mechanical, geotechnical and water resources), project consultants and locating/surveying professionals. Patrick has also acted for owners, general contractors and subcontractors in uninsured construction disputes. In addition to construction related matters, Patrick has successfully defended manufacturers and distributors respecting product liability claims, insurers, insurance brokers, MGAs, real estate agents as well as commercial hosts for many years. He acts for insurers respecting subrogated claims, as well as for a variety of parties in shareholder disputes, estate litigation and intellectual property matters.

In addition to litigation, he has provided coverage opinions for several insurers on a variety of policies, including CGL, D&O and EPL, has assisted insurers with the development of their Canadian policy wordings and has worked with the Government of Alberta to draft legislation and regulations. Patrick is also an integral part of the BLG Health Law Group. His extensive experience in professional negligence defence, in addition to his past role as Manager of Specialized Litigation, makes him a key player in this important client sector.

Prior to joining BLG in 2007, Patrick developed his litigation skills acting against personal injury claimants. This time, combined with his practice with BLG, has seen Patrick successfully defend clients in numerous trials,

arbitrations and mediations. He has appeared before all levels of court in Alberta and has also conducted matters in the Courts of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the Federal Court of Canada.

Insights & Events

- Co-Author, "Alberta's "Free Kick at the Can"? Appeals from Applications Judges to Justices", Law Matters, February 2026
- Co-Presenter, "From Service to Steering Wheel – The Dual Exposure of Commercial Hosts & Vehicle Owners," Alberta Association of Insurance Adjusters, January 2026
- Panelist, "Practice Management for Insurance Lawyers", CBA Insurance Section meeting, September 2023
- Presenter, "2023 Commercial Litigation Symposium," Law Society of Alberta, September 2023
- Presenter, "Chambers Advocacy", Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association, June 2023
- Author, "Settlement privilege: No backdoor to particulars of previous settlements", BLG Article, January 2023
- Co-Author, "Be clearer with limitation periods, appeal court tells insurers," Canadian Underwriter, May 2, 2022
- Author, "Insurers to advise policyholders of Limitations Act deadlines in Alberta", BLG Article, April 2022
- 5 more insurance industry trends: Product recall, municipal, cargo and business interruption insurance, BLG Perspective, November 2021
- Business insurance trends: Climate change litigation, D&O risk, force majeure and transport insurance, BLG Perspective, October 2021
- Presenter, "COVID-19 and the Canadian Insurance Landscape", The Canadian Bar Association Alberta, June 11, 2021
- Author, "Alberta court decision highlights insurance defence lawyer obligations to insureds", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "COVID-19: issues for the Canadian oil & gas industry", BLG Article, March 2020
- The Sensor: The state of autonomous vehicles in Saskatchewan, BLG Perspective, September 2019
- The Sensor: The state of autonomous vehicles in Alberta, BLG Perspective, June 2019
- Instructor, "Evidence and Expert Qualification for Litigators," The Advocates' Society, August 24, 2018.
- Instructor, "Examination-in-Chief and Cross-Examination," The Advocates' Society, October 20, 2017.
- Co-author, "The Supreme Court of Canada Clarifies the Interpretation of Faulty Workmanship Exclusions and Resulting Damage," for various insurance clients, October 2016.
- Panelist and Instructor, "Applications Advocacy," The Advocates' Society, April 12, 2016.
- Presenter, "Construction Insurance" for the Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law Western Canada Edition, April 11 to 15, 2016.
- Speaker, "Exceptions to Champerty and Maintenance: After the Event Insurance and its Impact upon Cost Awards," for the Canadian Bar Association, September 2015.
- Panelist, "Cross-examination: Strategies for Success," The Advocates' Society, November 14, 2014.
- Co-Lecturer, "Bid Evaluation/Selection Methods," Federated Press 5th Public Construction Contracting and Tendering Course, October 14, 2014.
- Speaker, "Impact of the Hryniak v. Mauldin and Windsor v. Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. Decisions on Alberta Summary Judgment Procedure," for the Canadian Bar Association, June 2014.
- Contributor, "Practice Manuals," The Legal Education Society of Alberta Publication, 2011 to present.

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Reinstatement Committee, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, CBA – Law Matters Editorial Committee
- Adjudicator, Law Society of Alberta Practice Review Committee
- Board of Directors, Canadian Bar Association - Alberta Branch, 2019-2023
- Instructor in the University of Calgary on trial advocacy since 2017
- Member, Canadian Defence Lawyers
- Member, ADR Institute of Alberta
- Former Chair and ongoing Member at Large, Canadian Bar Association (CBA), Insurance Subsection (South Alberta)
- Member, CBA Construction, Insurance and Alternative Dispute Resolution Subsections
- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Calgary Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society

Community Involvement

- Board Member, Calgary Legal Guidance
- Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Cancer Society, Alberta/NWT Division
- Volunteer, ESL Instructor with the Calgary Immigrant Education Society
- Volunteer, Law Society of Alberta Mentor Connect Program

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 (and since 2018) edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate and Commercial Litigation and Product Liability Law), since 2021 (Insurance Law), since 2022 (Construction Law) and since 2024 (Personal Injury Litigation)
- Recommended as a key lawyer in the 2026 edition of *Legal 500* (Insurance & Insurance: Dispute Resolution)
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Litigation: Corporate Commercial) and since 2020 edition (Litigation: Commercial Insurance)
- Recognized in the 2026 (and since 2021) edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a Litigation Star.
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*.
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*®- Lawyer of the Year (Product Liability Law).
- Appointed Queen's Counsel, 2022.
- Martindale-Hubbell "AV Preeminent" Peer Review Rated.

Bar Admission & Education

- Manitoba, 2023
- Alberta, 2001

- LLB, University of Alberta, 2000
- MA, University of Guelph, 1997

- BA, University of Calgary, 1995

BLG | Canada’s Law Firm

As the largest, truly full-service Canadian law firm, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) delivers practical legal advice for domestic and international clients across more practices and industries than any Canadian firm. With over 800 lawyers, intellectual property agents and other professionals, BLG serves the legal needs of businesses and institutions across Canada and beyond – from M&A and capital markets, to disputes, financing, and trademark & patent registration.

blg.com

© 2026 Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. Borden Ladner Gervais LLP is an Ontario Limited Liability Partnership.