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Krista practises civil litigation, with a particular focus on construction, engineering and surety disputes. She has acted for and advised clients on a variety of civil actions relating to tort and contract claims.

Krista has advocated on behalf of clients at all levels of court in British Columbia and in commercial arbitration proceedings. She has appeared as lead counsel at trial in the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Prior to joining BLG as an articling student, Krista clerked for two justices of the Court of Appeal of British Columbia.

Experience

- Has represented sureties, owner-developers, contractors, sub-trades, and strata corporations. Experience includes:
 - large-scale infrastructure disputes
 - construction and engineering disputes
 - residential construction disputes
 - construction disputes in the bankruptcy and insolvency context.

- Has experience clearing, defending and bringing claims of builders' liens, advancing and defending claims relating to deficiencies and delays, and advancing and defending professional negligence claims against consultants.
 - Has acted for banks and other financial institutions in defending claims of breach of contract and negligence.
- Examples of commercial and private disputes work include advancing or defending the following types of disputes:
- defamation
 - misrepresentation
 - breach of trust

Insights & Events

- Co-author, "[Reading between the lines: Implied terms in construction contracts](#)," *On-Site*, November 2, 2021
- Presenter, CBA National Construction & Infrastructure Section Webinar: "2020 Cross-Canada Year in Review (Western Canada)", December 2020
- Co-speaker, "Navigating COVID-19: Managing the contractual and related legal protections and risks for construction companies", Canadian Construction Association, April 16, 2020
- Contributor, "Canadian Construction Law Reform: A Survey of Recent Developments in Builders Liens, Prompt Payment, Interim Adjudication and Mandatory Construction Bonding," (M.A. Skene and D.H. Laudan) 2020 *Journal of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers* 93.
- Author, "Federal Government Introduces Prompt Payment Legislation for Construction Projects on Federal Land", BLG Article, May 2019
- Co-author, "Certificates of completion: The Purpose, process, and pitfalls," *On-Site Magazine*, October 2018
- Co-Author, "How much is too much?," *On-Site Magazine*, August 2018
- Co-Author, "The Enforceability of "No Damages for Delay" Clauses," *Construction Law Letter*, July/August 2018.
- Author, "When Can a Lien Be Secured for Less Than Face Value?", BLG Article, May 2018
- Co-author, "Don't make these 5 mistakes about performance bonds," *On-Site Magazine*, February 20, 2018
- Author, "Bidder Beware-Bids Must be Completed When Submitted," *The Canadian Bar Association*, September 2017
- Author, "Contractors and the law: breaking up is hard to do," *On-Site Magazine*, June 20, 2017
- Author, "An Estimate is Never 'Just an Estimate'," *On-Site Magazine*, February 28, 2017
- Author, "B.C.'s New Civil Resolution Tribunal Orders Special Levy to Fund Repairs to Strata Property", BLG Article, February 2017
- Co-Presenter, "The Duty of Good Faith: At Work on Your Projects," BLG U, May 2016
- Co-Author, "How New Climate Change Policy Could Impact Design/Construction Companies," *Construction Canada*, April 2016.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association

- Member, American Bar Association
- Secretary, Construction & Infrastructure Law Section, Canadian Bar Association (National)
- Vice Chair, Construction Law Section, Canadian Bar Association (B.C. Branch)

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids
- Board of Directors, Vancouver Opear Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* as a Leading Lawyer to Watch (Construction Law)
- Recognized in 2024 edition (and since 2021) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada™* (Construction Law).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2019) of *Benchmark Canada - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* (Future Star).
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2020) of the *Benchmark Litigation Canada's "40 & Under Hot List"*
- Recognized as a CLE BC 'Rising Star' 2018 for her contributions to BC CLE.
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Lexpert® Special Edition: Infrastructure*

Bar Admission & Education

- Saskatchewan, 2019
- British Columbia, 2011
- JD, University of British Columbia, 2009, (received the Carswell Prize for highest standing in first-year law, the Bull Housser & Tupper Prize in Torts, the Allan McEachern Prize in Criminal Law, the Davis LLP Prize in First Nations Law, and the Malcolm MacIntyre Prize in Succession Law)
- BA (Hons., with Distinction), University of Toronto, (Trinity College), 2004

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