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Hunter is a litigation, arbitration and dispute avoidance lawyer with substantial experience representing clients in the financial services industry, including investment dealers and brokers, commercial landlords and tenants, creditors, victims of financial fraud and parties to commercial contracts. Hunter strives to deliver market-leading service to each of his clients.

Hunter is a member of BLG's Diversity & Inclusion Committee and is actively involved in the firm's student recruitment, summer student and articling programs. He regularly provides coaching and mentorship to junior lawyers, focusing on litigation and client service skills development, and work-life balance.

## Experience

- Defending claims brought against investment dealers and advisors in civil actions before the Supreme Court of British Columbia and regulatory proceedings before the Mutual Fund Dealers Association.
- Defending claims brought against banks and credit unions in all levels of Court in British Columbia.
- Prosecuting and defending commercial lease litigation before all levels of Court in British Columbia and in domestic and international arbitration proceedings, including rent arbitrations, under a number of major institutional rules, including the Vancouver International Arbitration Centre and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution.

- Fraud recovery investigations and proceedings, including obtaining freezing orders (*Mareva* injunctions) and third party document disclosure orders (*Norwich Pharmacal* orders), and the seizure and sale of real and personal property from the perpetrators of fraud.
- Prosecuting and enforcing debt and judgment recovery claims, including the registration and recognition of foreign judgments and arbitral awards in British Columbia.
- Counsel to a financial institution involving the enforcement of an account verification provision in a business banking agreement, which resulted in the dismissal of the plaintiff's claim against the Bank for cheques that one of the directors of the plaintiff had allegedly forged.
- Counsel to a respondent in an international arbitration concerning rent payable pursuant to a lease in a data center facility.
- Counsel to a defendant that cancelled a certificate of pending litigation on development lands in the face of an impending sale to a third party.
- Part of a team that successfully defended an application before the British Columbia Securities Commission and the Ontario Securities Commission to cease trade a private placement of a junior mining exploration company following the announcement of an unsolicited takeover bid.
- Successfully obtained orders on numerous occasions pursuant to s. 437 of the *Bank Act* for the repatriation of funds obtained by fraud.
- Counsel for a defendant that struck a substantial portion of the plaintiff's claim on the basis of issue estoppel arising from a prior arbitration in which the plaintiff admitted the validity of a commercial sublease, and then challenged the validity of the sublease in the subsequent litigation.
- Negotiated numerous settlements involving civil claims and MFDA regulatory proceedings against financial advisors.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "BC Supreme Court rejects investor's claim against self-directed brokerage", BLG Article, November 2023
- Author, "Their fraud, my mistake, your loss? UK Supreme Court rejects fraud victim's "duty to inquire" claim against her bank", BLG Article, September 2023
- Author, "Investment advisor liability in Canada: Common claims and recent decisions", BLG Article, April 2023
- Author, "Recovering stolen money after a business email compromise scam", BLG Article, April 2023
- Author, "B.C. Court of Appeal: Financial institutions may have a duty to warn customers about known financial scams", BLG Article, March 2023
- Author, "Top commercial decisions of 2022", BLG Article, February 2023
- Author, "Who owns AI generated art? A primer on Canadian copyright and AI artwork", BLG Article, February 2023
- Instructor, Various Topics, BLG 101, 2017-2019.
- Presenter, "And (Internet) Justice for All: The Civil Resolution Tribunal Today and Beyond", BLG U In-House Counsel Professional Development Program, Nov. 29, 2018.
- Presenter, CLE BC Civil Litigation Basics 2018, "Trial and Case Management: Rules and Strategies," Feb. 23, 2018.
- Co-author, "Enforcing Overholding Rent," International Council of Shopping Centres (ICSC) Shopping Centre Law & Strategy Newsletter, Fall 2018.
- Presenter, "Check Your Privilege," BLG U In-House Counsel Professional Development Program, Nov. 16, 2017.
- Co-Author, "High Price of Entry: A Cautionary Tale for Landlords Faced With a Tenant's Repudiation of a Lease," ICSC Shopping Centre Law & Strategy, Fall 2017

- Author, "My Partner Is a Fraud, I Know It, but My Bank Should Still Cover My Fraud Loss,' and Other Christmas Wishes That Won't Come True," BLG's The Exchange: Financial Institutions Litigation Blog, Dec. 21, 2016
- Presenter, "The Good Faith Obligation in Commercial Contracts: Practical Implications One Year On", BLG U In-House Counsel Professional Development Program, November 2016.
- Author, "Bank's Discretionary Probate Policy Approved by the Court," BLG's The Exchange, April 2016.
- Co-author, "Surfing the Dangerous Waters of Standard Form Leases," Shopping Centre Law & Strategy Newsletter, Fall 2016.
- Co-author, "Torts," Annual Review of Law & Practice, 2016-2019
- Contributing author, Provincial Court Small Claims Handbook, 2016-2019.
- Presenter, "The Good Faith Obligation in Commercial Contracts: Practical Implications One Year On," BLG U In-House Counsel Professional Development Program, November 19, 2015.
- Author, "Trial and Case Management: New Rules and Strategies" (2015 Update), The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, March 2015.
- Presenter, CLE BC Civil Litigation Basics 2015, "Trial and Case Management: Rules and Strategies," Feb. 3, 2015.

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Vancouver Bar Association

## Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2014
- JD, Dalhousie University, 2013
- BA (English), Thompson Rivers University

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