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Education / Bar Admissions

LLB, University of Alberta, 2008

BA (Hons.) in Political Science & International Relations, Carleton University, 2005

Alberta, 2009

Northwest Territories, 2016

Professional Involvement

Member, Women's Leadership Development Committee

Member, Law Society of Alberta

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Member, The Advocates' Society

Chair, Alberta Insurance South Section, Canadian Bar Association

Community Involvement

Volunteer, Calgary Legal Guidance

Volunteer, QB Amicus Project

Volunteer, Civil Claims Duty Counsel Project

Volunteer, Project Homeless Calgary

Volunteer, Pro Bono Law Alberta

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Justine Blanchet is a partner in the Insurance and Tort Liability Group in our Calgary office. She practices in the areas of insurance and tort liability, general civil litigation and health law.

Justine acts primarily in insurance defence matters with respect to product liability, automobile accidents, fires, floods, directors and officers liability, professional negligence, commercial host liability, commercial construction, surety claims and coverage. She has experience with land transportation and acts for a variety of trucking insurers and other self-insured companies and specializes in product liability matters. Justine also acts for creditors in general civil litigation matters. She has appeared before all levels of the Alberta Courts.

Before joining BLG, Justine articulated and was an associate with a regional law firm. There, she practiced in the areas of insurance, business services and wealth management. She is fluent in both English and French.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Acted for a variety of insurers, manufacturers and distributors in defence claims for personal injuries arising from motor vehicle collisions, slip and falls, pedestrian accidents, commercial construction disputes, commercial host liability and product liability;
- Acted for a variety of medical professionals with respect to the defence of professional liability claims;
- Acted for insurers with respect to a variety of professional negligence claims including directors and officer's liability, and errors and omissions claims;
- Acted for insurers with respect to disputes over surety bond claims;
- Acted for a variety of insurance companies in subrogation claims arising from motor vehicle accidents and product liability claims;
- Acted for a variety of insurance companies providing coverage opinions with respect to automobile, commercial and residential policies;

Volunteer, Children's Legal & Educational Resource Centre

Volunteer, BLG United Way Campaign

- Acted on behalf of commercial clients in response to public fatality inquiries; and
- Acted for a variety of lending and leasing companies and agents for recovery of secured and unsecured claims, and advised health care and long term care providers with respect to risk management and liability claims.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-author, "SCC Denies Leave to Appeal: Issue of Vicarious Liability in WCB Vehicle Collision Claim," *BLG Publication*, February 2019.
- Presenter, "The Insurance Adjusters' Role in Defence of Claims Following Trucking Accidents," BLG client presentation for insurance adjusters, May 2012 (with Bruce Churchill-Smith, QC).
- Presenter, "Slip and Falls, 'Minor' Injuries, and So Much More...", BLG client presentation for insurance companies, February 2012.
- Presenter, "Severing Issues under the New Rules of Court: How to Make Your Practice More Efficient and Cost-Effective," Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Subsection, September 2011.
- Presenter, "Business Interruption Loss," Alberta Association of Insurance Adjusters, January 2011 (with Patrick J. Heinsen).
- Author, "Costs in Estate Litigation: an Update," January 2011 (with Dennis Pelkie, QC).

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