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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Derek Brindle, QC is experienced counsel in litigation, arbitration and in alternate dispute resolution involving commercial claims and complex construction and engineering disputes. He regularly represents owners, construction participants, design professionals and insurers in construction law matters, and has appeared at all levels of the Courts in British Columbia and in the Supreme Court of Canada. Derek advises Crown institutions and industry on risk mitigation strategies in major procurement. He has a diversified commercial and insurance law practice and has acted as counsel in a wide range of disputes involving class actions, claims for defective design and construction, unanticipated subsurface conditions, building envelope failures, delay/impact claims, claims involving errors and omissions and comprehensive general liability insurance policies, and in insurance “bad faith” claims. He has a background in criminal and personal injury law. Derek is rated by LEXPERT as one of British Columbia’s “Consistently Recommended” lawyers in the area of construction law, and is listed in the Best Lawyers in Canada, 2006, in construction law. He was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2001.

In addition to counsel work, Derek writes and lectures extensively on legal issues of interest to the construction industry, architects, engineers, the legal profession and the insurance industry. He has written and presented on a wide variety of topics, including construction claims and risk avoidance, building envelope failures, builders liens, the liability of design professionals, procurement law, and insurance “bad faith” claims.

EDUCATION

BA (Cum Distinctione): University of Alberta, 1971

LL.B.: University of British Columbia, 1974

Admitted to British Columbia Bar, 1974

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Chair, British Columbia Hospital Appeal Board, 2005 –

Member, British Columbia Hospital Appeal Board, 2004

Member, Canadian Bar Association, Construction Law Section, 1988 –

Chair (Ad hoc bencher), Law Society of BC Proceeds of Crime Committee, 1994–96

Director, CBA (BC) Benevolent Society, 2000 –

Member, BC Trial Lawyers Association

Past member, American Trial Lawyers Association

Member, International Association of Defence Counsel, 2001 -

Member, Canadian Defence Lawyers, 2001 –

Member, Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, 1994 – 2003

Member, International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (Beijing- Planning Committee, 1998)

Director, Society for the Study of Enterprise Crime in the Pacific Rim, 1999 – 2001

Past member, Urban Development Institute

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

UBC Law School Adjunct Professor, Construction Law, 2002 – 2004

Fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, 2002 –

UBC Law School Sessional Lecturer, Construction Law, 1994 – 2001

Co-Editor, British Columbia Builders Lien Practical Manual, 1999–present

Co-Chair Continuing Legal Educational Program - Construction Law, 2002 –

Ad hoc Bencher, Law Society of British Columbia, 1994– 1996

AVOCATIONS

Motorcycling, music, jogging and scuba-diving.

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