



# Alexandra Cocks

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## Bar Admission

British Columbia 2011

## Law School

University of Alberta

## Practices

Litigation and Dispute Resolution  
Class Actions  
Corporate Commercial Litigation  
Competition Litigation

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## Alex is a leading commercial litigator with significant experience in complex commercial litigation, arbitration, and class action defence across a range of industries and legal issues.

Alex is a partner in our Litigation Group and a lead member of the firm's National Class Actions Group. Alex's practice focuses on complex commercial disputes, including securities litigation, shareholder disputes, fraud claims, and real estate disputes. She has extensive experience in class action defence, including defending product liability claims, securities class actions, privacy claims, consumer protection claims, and competition claims.

Alex regularly appears as counsel at the British Columbia Supreme Court and Court of Appeal, and acts for clients in international and domestic arbitrations. She has also represented a client who intervened in a case of public interest standing at the Supreme Court of Canada.

Alex is known for her practical approach to resolving complex commercial disputes, and brings a highly responsive and results-oriented approach to each case.

Alex's representative experience includes:

### Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

- Representing financial institutions in relation to alleged frauds, including Ponzi schemes.
- Defending financial institutions against claims of improper supervision of financial advisors and allegations of unsuitable investments.
- Representing financial institutions in regulatory investigations.
- Representing a former director and officer in a multimillion dollar lawsuit by a public mining company.
- Representing various organizations in disputes about technology service agreements.

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- Representing a real estate developer in a multimillion breach of contract dispute, involving allegations of bad faith.
- Representing private companies in various industries in shareholder disputes.
- Representing a company in a partnership dispute involving significant land holdings.
- Acting in various real estate related disputes including collapsing deals, specific performance claims, trespass, delay claims, claims against municipalities, and lease disputes.

## Class Action Defence

- Defending a resource company in a securities class action (with parallel US class action) alleging misleading disclosure.
- Defending a financial services company in a securities class action alleging misleading disclosure by the resource company issuer.
- Defending a financial services company in a securities class action alleging misleading disclosure by the medical research company issuer.
- Defending directors and officers in securities class actions alleging misleading financial disclosure against a mining company.
- Defending a resource company in a securities class action alleging misleading mineral resource and reserve disclosure.
- Defending various pharmaceutical companies and consumer products companies in product liability class actions.
- Defending various multinational technology companies and consumer products companies in class actions about breach of privacy claims, breach of consumer protection legislation, and breach of the *Competition Act*.
- Defending various producers of food, consumer goods, and technology products in competition and price-fixing class actions.
- Defending a laboratory testing company in a data breach class action.
- Defending various financial institutions in a class actions relating to fees, including mortgage pre-payment fees and credit card fees paid by merchants.

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Alex frequently speaks on and topics related to class actions, real estate disputes, creditors' remedies, and dispute resolution.

She is a contributing author to the fifth edition of *Defending Class Actions in Canada*, published by LexisNexis, and a contributing author to *Virtual Advocacy*, published by LexisNexis. She previously acted as the Co-Chair of the Class Actions subsection of the Canadian Bar Association of the BC Branch and was an elected board member of the Vancouver Bar Association. She is also a past course coordinator for the Advanced Trial Advocacy Course at the UBC Faculty of Law, and is a current lecturer in the UBC Corporate Counsel Externship Program.

Alex graduated from the University of Alberta Faculty of Law in 2009 (with distinction), where she was the recipient of the Sydney B. Woods QC Memorial Prize in Constitutional Law, the Stemp & Company Prize in Intellectual Property Law, the Justice Cecilia Johnstone Equality Award and other awards.

From 2009 to 2010, she clerked for six justices at the British Columbia Supreme Court in Vancouver.

## Awards & Rankings

### Chambers Canada

Leading Lawyer: Litigation: General Commercial - British Columbia

### The Legal 500 - Canada

Next Generation Partner: Dispute Resolution - British Columbia

### Benchmark Litigation Canada

Future Star

### Benchmark Litigation Canada

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## Recent Experience

- **Sanofi wins product liability class action**

May 11, 2023

## Recent Insights

- **BC Securities Commission Announces it will Begin Issuing Administrative Penalties by Notice for Minor Infractions**

May 10, 2023

- **Securities Class Action Update**

April 19, 2023

- **Canadian Securities Litigation: Trends to Watch 2023**

April 5, 2023

- **Virtual Advocacy: Litigating from a Distance**

February 28, 2023

## Events

- **Big New Cases: Takeaways for In-House Counsel in BC**

May 27, 2021

- **Actually Litigating Class Actions: Life Before and After Certification**

March 11, 2021

