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Bar Admission

British Columbia 2011

Law School

University of Alberta

Practices

Disputes

Class Actions

Corporate Commercial Litigation

Alex is an experienced litigator known for her personal and practical approach to resolving complex commercial disputes both in and out the courtroom. She brings a responsive, client-focused and results-oriented approach to each case.

Alex is a partner in our Litigation Group and the firm's National Class Actions Group. She is also the Co-Chair of the Vancouver Student Recruiting Committee.

Alex focuses on complex commercial disputes including contractual claims, partnership and shareholder defence, financial services litigation, fraud, and breach of trust claims, real estate and property disputes, consumer protection claims, defamation, and insurance coverage disputes on behalf of policy holders. She also regularly provides advice to businesses regarding compliance with lobbying laws.

She represents clients from a broad array of industries, and regularly advises financial institutions, general contractors, and real estate developers. She is also a member of the firm's Financial Services Group and Government Law Group.

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

Some of her recent notable work includes:

General Commercial Litigation

- Successfully obtaining injunctive relief for a client in a fraud/misrepresentation claim;
- Successfully resolving a claim in a partnership involving fraud and breach of trust; and
- Successfully striking a claim a claim for abuse of process against a lending service provider to the government.

Financial Services Litigation

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- Defending financial institutions in relation to a Ponzi scheme;
- Defending financial institutions against claims of improper supervision of financial advisors and allegations of unsuitable investments; and
- Defending financial institutions and advisors in IIROC investigations.

Class Action Defence

- Defending a financial institution in a class action in relation to mortgage terms;
- Defending a financial institution in relation to credit card fees;
- Defending a large multi-national technology company in a class action based on claims of breach privacy and breach of the BC *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act*; and
- Defending producers of food and technology products in price-fixing class actions.

Real-estate litigation

- Representing a major developer in a significant dispute over a deposit and closing terms to a win at trial and on appeal; and
- Acting in real estate related disputes including collapsing deals, specific performance claims, trespass, delay claims, and lease disputes.

Insurance Coverage

- Advising clients in insurance coverage matters, including in relation to denials of coverage, scope of coverage, and preparing complex proofs of loss.

Lobbying Advice

- Advising mining companies, pharmaceuticals companies, and non-profit entities on compliance with lobbying laws.

Alex frequently speaks on and topics related to class actions, real estate disputes, creditor's remedies, and dispute resolution. Alex avidly reads recent case law to keep abreast to new trends and how the law is evolving. She is a contributing author to the book *Defending Class Actions: A Guide for Defendants, 4th Edition*, published by Lexis Nexis. She is also the co-editor of the class action blogpost "Canadian Class Actions Monitor." She previously acted as the Co-Chair of the Class Actions subsection of the Canadian Bar Association of the BC Branch and a 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.

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Alex received her BA (Hons) in 2006 from McGill University in Political Science and her LLB (with distinction) in 2009 from the University of Alberta, 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.

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