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Bar Admission

British Columbia 2015

Law School

University of British Columbia

Practices

Disputes and Litigation
Appellate Litigation
Class Actions
Corporate Commercial Litigation
Products Liability
Public Law

Industries

Automotive
Technology & Communications

Patrick Williams is an associate in our Litigation Group in Vancouver. Patrick represents leading Canadian and multinational companies in complex high-stakes litigation, including class actions and regulatory investigations and proceedings. He focuses on product liability claims and contractual disputes. Patrick also practices public law and has represented clients in disputes involving a variety of government entities.

Patrick has recently

- defended leading tobacco and pharmaceutical companies in health care cost recovery claims by provincial governments;
- defended automotive companies in product liability matters, including a class action;
- defended a global online platform in a class action about the display of prices;
- acted for a leading ridesharing company in litigation related to the initial regulation of ridesharing in British Columbia;
- acted for a multinational engineering firm in the litigation arising from the breach of the Mount Polley Tailings Storage Facility; and
- defended a leading railway company in litigation related to forest fires.

Patrick has appeared in the Supreme Court of Canada, all levels of court in British Columbia, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Federal Court, administrative tribunals, and commercial arbitrations.

Patrick is a contributing author to the fifth edition of *Defending Class Actions in Canada*, published by LexisNexis, and the firm's "[Canadian Class Actions Monitor](#)" blog.

Patrick represents individuals and non-profit organizations on a variety of matters in his *pro bono* practice. He acted for the successful appellant, a person with disabilities, in *S.A. v. Metro Vancouver Housing Corp.*, 2019 SCC 4, the leading Canadian case on discretionary trusts.

Patrick received his BCom (Hons) and his JD from the University of British Columbia. Before joining the firm, he clerked for Chief Justice Bauman at the Court of Appeal for British Columbia.

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Awards & Rankings

The Legal 500 - Canada

Rising Star: Dispute Resolution - British Columbia

Recent Insights

- **B.C. Supreme Court refuses certification of proposed securities class action because individual issues predominate**
April 27, 2021
- **Admissibility of Settlement Agreements from Other Jurisdictions on Certification**
April 13, 2021
- **Difficulties for defendants responding to substantially identical proposed class actions**
February 23, 2021
- **“Too Big to Certify”**
December 17, 2020