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Bar Admission

British Columbia 2018

Law School

University of British Columbia

Practices

Disputes
Appellate Litigation
Class Actions
Corporate Commercial Litigation
Public Law
Securities Litigation

Creative, practical, and hardworking, Connor helps clients achieve their objectives in complex disputes, both in and out of court

Connor Bildfell is an associate in our Litigation Group in Vancouver. He maintains a general practice covering corporate/commercial, securities, class action, privacy, and public law disputes.

Connor's notable experience includes:

Corporate/Commercial

- Representing a Vancouver-based real estate developer before the B.C. Court of Appeal in a dispute over one of Vancouver's most significant proposed real estate development projects
- Representing a U.S. mining company before the B.C. Supreme Court and Court of Appeal in a dispute over a Guatemalan mining project
- Representing a B.C. real estate developer in a dispute over the duty to negotiate in good faith with respect to a potential sale of a valuable Vancouver property
- Advising a global mining company in a dispute over financing for the largest Mongolian mining project in history
- Advising a Toronto airport terminal operator on various legal, strategic, and operational issues
- Advising a short-term accommodation platform on legal and strategic issues relating to municipal bylaws

Securities

- Defending a U.S. mining company in a proposed Ontario securities class action alleging misrepresentations about an alleged groundwater contamination at a Mexican mine
- Defending a B.C. mining company in a proposed B.C. securities class action alleging misrepresentations about the company's plans for a proposed Alaskan mine

Class Actions

- Defending an international pharmaceutical company in a multi-

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jurisdictional class action seeking recovery under the B.C. *Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*

- Defending a Canadian bank in a multi-jurisdictional class action alleging breach of the *Competition Act* in relation to credit card fees

Privacy

- Defending a U.S. social media and technology company before the Federal Court in a dispute alleging breaches of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*
- Advising a Canadian banking association on potential strategic reforms to a bill proposing new federal private sector privacy legislation
- Advising several Canadian banks on potential strategic reforms to a bill proposing new private sector privacy legislation in Quebec

Public Interest and Constitutional Litigation

- Representing an individual before the Supreme Court of Canada in a dispute over the nature and effect of *Henson* trusts (i.e., trusts designed to benefit persons living with disabilities)
- Representing an LGBTQI2S advocacy organization before the Supreme Court of Canada in a dispute over the impact of religious freedom on the scope of the judicial role
- Representing a constitutional rights organization before the Ontario Superior Court in a Charter challenge to the “false statements” prohibition in the *Canada Elections Act*

Connor’s scholarship has been published in a number of legal publications, including the *Advocate*, *Alberta Law Review*, *Asper Review of International Business and Trade Law*, *Canadian Bar Review*, *Canadian Criminal Law Review*, *Canadian Journal of Administrative Law and Practice*, *Canadian Journal of Law and Technology*, *Construction Business*, *Dalhousie Law Journal*, *Ottawa Law Review*, *Pepperdine Dispute Resolution Law Journal*, *Public Works Management & Policy*, *Review of Constitutional Studies*, *Saskatchewan Law Review*, and *UBC Law Review*. He is also the copy editor of the *Advocate* (a legal journal circulated to all lawyers in British Columbia), a contributing author to *Global Corruption: Law, Theory & Practice*, and a regular contributor to the Firm’s blogs. He also serves on the board of the Allard Law Alumni Association and is a member of the CBABC’s Access to Justice Committee.

Before joining the firm, Connor clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada and the B.C. Court of Appeal. He received his J.D. from the University of

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British Columbia in 2016, graduating as the gold medallist. During law school, he served as Editor-in-Chief (Editorial) of the *UBC Law Review*, was a member of the winning team in the 2016 B.C. Law Schools Moot, worked as a research assistant, volunteered as a peer tutor, and participated in the Law Students' Legal Advice Program, which provides free legal assistance to persons with limited means. Before law school, Connor received his BCom from the University of Victoria in 2013, graduating at the top of his class. He also worked at an international accounting firm, was named "Business Co-op Student of the Year", and studied abroad at Peking University in China.

Connor speaks English, French, and some Mandarin.

Recent Experience

- **Music Canada involved in litigation regarding the new "making available" right under Canadian law**

Recent Insights

- **The Supreme Court of Canada's Rules are changing**
January 07, 2021
- **B.C. Court of Appeal Clarifies the Elements of the Tort of Abuse of Process**
July 28, 2020
- **Keeping Things in Context: B.C. Court of Appeal Considers the Roles of Context and Public Debate in Defamation Cases**
September 06, 2019
- **A Class on Class Definitions: BCCA Finds Class Definition Overbroad in Proposed Cold-Fx Class Action**
June 13, 2018