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Commercial Litigation
Insurance Claim Defence
Construction Disputes
Health Care Disputes
International Arbitration
Products Law
Transportation

Raphael practices in insurance and tort liability and commercial litigation.

Raphael's practice includes:

- Complex construction litigation;
- Defending manufacturers against product liability claims;
- Advising insurers on coverage concerns;
- Defending industry professionals, including healthcare professionals against claims of medical malpractice;
- Personal injury defence; and
- Assisting with transport regulatory matters.

Raphael has appeared before all levels of court in Alberta and at various ad hoc domestic and international arbitration proceedings.

Experience

- Successfully defended professional engineer in contested APEGA hearing
- Assisted with international arbitral proceedings relating to pipeline construction delays in excess of C\$100 million
- Assisted a major Canadian bank with a duty to defend finding before the Alberta Court of Appeal
- Successfully brought applications seeking summary dismissal of a number of medical malpractice claims



- Advised a gene testing laboratory on expanding its operations
- Assisted a First Nation with a complex construction claim against a home developer
- · Settled a number of product liability claims against vehicle manufacturers on a without costs basis

Insights & Events

- Panelist, "Subrogation & Fire Losses in Alberta," Industry Event, September 2024
- Author, "Interpreting detection provisions in pollution insurance: Insight from the Court of Appeal of Alberta", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Navigating liability: Lessons from Mitchell v Manson in waiver applicability", BLG Article, May 2024
- Presenter, "Update to Cost Awards in Alberta & Ontario: Dorah and Olatiregun", CBA Insurance Law Section, September 2023
- Master of Ceremonies, Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers "Diversity in the City Gala", September 2022
- Presenter, Case Commentary: Pavlovic v The Owners, Strata Plan LMS 2211, CBA Insurance Law Section, September 2022
- Autonomous vehicle laws in the States: Congress offers hope for national regulatory framework, BLG Perspective, June 2022
- Co-author, "Alberta courts to insurers: 'Don't talk to the police'" The Lawyer's Daily Lexis Nexis, June 2022
- Moderator, "The New Normal: Practicing Law in the Digital Age" panel, June 2022
- Author, "Wrongful life claims: an update from the SCC", BLG Article, June 2022
- Author, "Insurance investigators: Be on guard when sharing info with police," Canadian Underwriter, May
 5, 2022
- Co-Author, "Be clearer with limitation periods, appeal court tells insurers," Canadian Underwriter, May 2,
- Author, "Ontario court grants Anton Piller Order in cryptocurrency heist", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Alberta Courts limit insurers' ability to share information with police", BLG Article, April 2022
- Author, "Insurers to advise policyholders of Limitations Act deadlines in Alberta", BLG Article, April 2022
- Moderator, Spotlight on the Legal Profession Pride @ Work panel, December 2021

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Committee Member, Canadian Bar Association Auto Insurance Working Group
- Member-at-large, Law Society of Alberta Lawyer Competence Advisory Committee, 2022 2024

Community Involvement

- Board Member, Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (Western), 2019-Present
- Assessor, CPLED, 2023 Present
- Co-Chair, Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Law Section (Alberta South)
- Chair, Canadian Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, 2021 Present



- BLG Race Action Committee, 2022 Present
- BLG Reads to Kids, 2021 Present

Awards & Recognitions

 Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Canada (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)

Bar Admission & Education

- Saskatchewan, 2024
- Alberta, 2018
- JD, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2017
- BA (Honours), University of Calgary, 2013

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