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Rick Da Costa is a globally minded insurance and reinsurance lawyer who uses law as a tool to solve business issues. As a trusted advisor, Rick provides practical legal and business solutions to clients from insurance, reinsurance and captive insurance related **issues. Having spent several years as a senior executive at one of the world's largest** insurance groups, Rick has gained invaluable insight on the complex issues faced by senior leaders and other corporate counsel in the insurance and reinsurance industries and offers first-hand experience dealing with change management and all that comes with **the rapid growth and measured contraction of an insurer's portfolio.**

Rick was the first to successfully re-domesticate a captive insurance company to the Province of Alberta under its new captive insurance legislation, and continues to be a heavily active leader in Alberta's development of a captive insurance "hub" and resultant captive ecosystem. Rick helps to structure and create new captives, re-domesticate existing captives, and supports captive insurance managers.

Rick has advised provincial regulators on their respective insurance legislation and has also advised Canada's Department of Finance with updates to Canada's insurance and banking legislation.

Insights Rollup

- Author, "Upcoming changes to insurance licensing in Québec for out-of-province representatives", BLG Article, March 2025
- Author, "Steer clear of non-compliance: Alberta's new restricted insurance licence for dealership programs", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "Three's company: Alberta formalizes position on third-party risks for captives", BLG Article, December 2024
- Author, "Buckle up: Alberta's new guidelines on motor vehicle protection products and potential for captive insurance", BLG Article, November 2024

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Canadian Corporate Counsel Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2024) of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Insurance - Nationwide).

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2010
- Certified In-House Counsel – (CIC.C), Business Leadership Program for In-House Counsel, University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management, 2020
- J.D., University of Windsor, 2009
- M.A., Carleton University, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, 2007
- B.A. (Hons), University of Western Ontario, 2004

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