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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 2000; Ontario,
1993

Legal Assistant(s): [Sheryl Drysdale](#)

Andrew is a highly skilled and effective litigator and advocate. He has been recognized by the (peer reviewed) publications Best Lawyers in Canada and Benchmark Canada, as a leading litigator. Andrew has appeared before the courts in Nova Scotia, Ontario and the Federal Court of Canada, as well as before arbitrators and mediators. His skills and dedication make the difference for his clients in many contexts, including:

- Acting for clients in complex commercial litigation matters, including shareholder disputes and oppression remedy litigation.
- In proceedings where urgent civil remedies are sought, such as injunctions.
- Acting in construction litigation matters, including tendering disputes, liens, breach of contract and negligence claims.
- The defence of architects, engineers and other professionals.
- Insurance defence and subrogation claims, including damage to property.
- Class actions.
- Defence of professionals such as brokers and financial advisors.
- Representation of financial institutions and banks.
- Estate litigation cases.
- Appearances before specialized Tribunals such as the Utility and Review Board.
- Expropriation cases.

Practice Areas

Class Actions
Construction
Estates & Trusts
Insurance
Labour & Employment
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Education & Career

Education

Osgoode Hall Law School, LL.M.
Dalhousie University, LL.B.
Queen's University, B.A. (honours)

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association
Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
Chair, Rules of Civil Procedure Subcommittee, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
Member, Halifax Chamber of Commerce
Past Director, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia
Past Member, Dalhousie Alumni Board
Past Chair and Vice Chair, CBA Nova Scotia, Construction Law Section
Past Director, Canadian Paralegic Association (Nova Scotia)
Member, The Advocates' Society
Member, Nova Scotia Advocacy Committee, The Advocates' Society

Accolades

Queen's Counsel, 2018
Best Lawyers: Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2013 - 2021
Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (Commercial Litigation, Insurance Litigation), 2017 - 2020
Lexpert rating: Litigation - Corporate Commercial, 2018 - 2020
Martindale-Hubbell rating: BV Distinguished®

Publications

"Civil Fraud", Client Seminar/Industry Group, January 2016

"Mareva Injunctions and Asset Freezing Orders", Client Seminar/Industry Group, June 2011

“Experts – Under the New Rules”, Client Seminar/Industry Group, May 2011

Navigating the Minefield: Update in Bidding & Tendering Law – The Do’s, Don’ts and Do-Overs of Contracts”, Client Seminar/Industry Group, April 2011

“Avoiding the Protracted Civil Action”, CBA Civil Litigation Conference, March 2011

“Shareholders Remedies: A Focus on the Oppression Remedy”, Client Seminar/Industry Group, June 2010

“The New Rules of Civil Procedure: Comments After a Year’s Worth of Experience” CBA Annual Conference, January 2010

“Update on the Law of RFPs and Tendering”, Client Seminar/Industry Group, November 2009

“A Primer and Update on the Law of Tendering”, Client Seminar/Industry Group, April 2009

“Experts (Medical and Otherwise) under the New Rules of Civil Procedure”, Canadian Defence Lawyers, Halifax Boot Camp, March 2009

“Bidding and Tendering Issues in Construction Contracts: Comments on Recent Case Law”, CBA (NS), January 2009

Presentations

Andrew has written papers and made presentations before clients, industry groups and lawyers on many topics including expert witnesses, construction law issues, receivership issues, aspects of the Civil Procedure Rules and the Oppression Remedy.