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BIOGRAPHY

Christopher Schuler is a Vancouver-based litigator with broad experience in civil litigation and a practice that is focused on construction, real property disputes, defect warranties, and surety bonds. Along with considerable trial experience, Chris has an active alternative dispute resolution practice and regularly navigates complex, multi-party litigation.

Chris has acted as litigation counsel, claims counsel, and solicitor for surety and new home warranty providers throughout western Canada. Additionally, Chris has acted for owners, contractors, and consultants in construction disputes ranging from residential housing to complex commercial and industrial projects. Chris has extensive experience in debt recovery and drafting commercial agreements for creditors.

Chris is actively committed to both the practice of law and to supporting the wider community, serving on the board of directors of the Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society. He is the past Vice-Chair of the Canadian Bar Association Products Liability Subsection and presents a quarterly legal update to the Surety Association of Canada, BC chapter.

Chris spent his first five years as a lawyer in the construction litigation group of Canada's largest national law firm, where his practice included builders liens, delay and payment claims, leaky building disputes, banking litigation, and sports and entertainment representation. He then spent over three years as in-house counsel for an international insurance company, where he dealt with surety and new home warranty matters. Those years as an in-house lawyer provided Chris with valuable experience in client service, providing first-hand appreciation of the challenges that clients face.

PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance
Motor Vehicle, Rail & Trucking
Product Liability
Construction
Property
Personal Injury Defence
Coverage
Business Disputes
Surety & Warranty
Arbitration & Mediation

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of Ottawa (2002)
B.Sc., University of Alberta (1999)

BAR ADMISSION

British Columbia, 2003

INSIGHTS

Construction contracts for innovative healthcare projects

Yoshikawa v. Dilon, 2022 BCCA 18

ASSOCIATIONS

Member of CanBIM (Building Information Modelling) and speaker on the CanBIM Executive Legal Panel

Member of the Law Society of British Columbia

Member of the Canadian Bar Association

Benchmark Litigation: recognized as a Litigation Future Star 2018-2021.

Member and Presenter (Legal Update) – Surety Association of Canada, BC Chapter