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BIOGRAPHY

Matthew Straw is a Vancouver-based litigation lawyer practising in personal injury litigation, insurance defence litigation, employment litigation, and general civil litigation. He has represented clients in the Supreme Court and Provincial Court of British Columbia on a variety of civil litigation matters.

Since joining the firm's Vancouver office in 2014, Matt has appeared as counsel in numerous trials defending personal injury actions. Matt works regularly with both institutional and individual clients. He is committed to providing his clients with efficient solutions and regularly advocates for their best interests in mediation proceedings.

Matt volunteers regularly to provide pro bono legal advice to clients of Access Pro Bono BC's Summary Advice Program.

Outside of his busy law practice, Matt enjoys keeping active in a number of sports including hockey, soccer, and golf.

NOTABLE CASES

Wawanesa v. ICBC, 2021 BCSC 595. Sudhir Padmanabhan and Matthew Straw acted for ICBC in a Supreme Court of British Columbia case involving complicated insurance coverage issues arising from an at-home automobile repair that caused injury to a third party. This case involved an interesting consideration of what constitutes the "use and operation" of a motor vehicle.

Chaube v. Neja, 2017 BCSC 1415. A successful cross-examination of the plaintiff resulted in a complete dismissal of their claim, with costs.

PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance
Motor Vehicle, Rail & Trucking
Life & Disability
Personal Injury Defence
Coverage
Arbitration & Mediation
Personal Injury
Business Disputes
Employment

EDUCATION

JD, University of Saskatchewan College of Law (2013)
BA, Simon Fraser University (2009)

BAR ADMISSION

British Columbia, 2014

Suri v. Johal, 2019 BCSC 703. Counsel for the defendants in a personal injury matter arising from two motor vehicle accidents. The court largely agreed with the defence submissions regarding the plaintiff's credibility, awarding less than one-third of total damages claimed.

Lalonde v Lyall, 2019 BCSC 2259. Defence counsel in a personal injury matter where the plaintiff sought damages in excess of \$750,000. The court accepted key arguments from the defendants, awarding under \$240,000 in damages.

Ludwiczak v. Nguyen, 2020 BCSC 1202. Counsel for the defendants in a claim arising from a car accident. The court accepted many of the defence arguments, awarding the plaintiff less than half of the total damages claimed.

Li v. Gill, 2020 BCSC 1298. Counsel for the defendants in a personal injury matter where the plaintiff sought damages in excess of \$800,000. After successful cross-examinations of the plaintiff and her husband, the court ultimately awarded less than \$100,000 in damages.

ASSOCIATIONS

Member of Law Society of British Columbia