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BIOGRAPHY

Steven Hoyer is a Vancouver-based research lawyer with a practice emphasizing claims in negligence law and personal injury damages. Steven draws on his considerable legal knowledge to assist his colleagues at Eyford Partners in the preparation of civil trials and appeals. He has worked on cases, and appeared as co-counsel, in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Before joining Eyford Partners, he practised in the insurance and tort litigation group of a national firm and later in an insurance litigation firm.

Steven received his law degree with distinction from McGill University. In 2000, he clerked at the Supreme Court of British Columbia. In 2007, he served as legal counsel to a division of the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories.

NOTABLE CASES

Del Bianco v. Yang, 2021 BCCA 315. Counsel for successful appellants in leading case interpreting and applying section 83 of the Insurance (Vehicle) Act and Part 7 of the Insurance (Vehicle) Regulation to effect post-judgment deductions to a tort award to take into account no-fault benefits available to a plaintiff.

Luis v. Marchiori, 2018 BCCA 317, supplementary reasons on costs, 2018 BCCA 364. Counsel for defendants in leading case on recovery of fact witness fees as a disbursement under Supreme Court Civil Rules 14-1(5) and Schedule 3 of Appendix "C".

PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance
Motor Vehicle, Rail & Trucking
Life & Disability
Product Liability
Personal Injury Defence
Coverage
Appeals & Judicial Review

EDUCATION

LLB, McGill University (1998)
M.A. (Eng.), McGill University (1994)
B.A. (Eng., Hons.) University of British Columbia (1989)

BAR ADMISSION

British Columbia, 2001

Glover v. Leakey, 2018 BCCA 56, 420 D.L.R. (4th) 422. Counsel for successful appellant in leading case on inconsistent pleadings, application to strike defence as an abuse of process, and the power of the court to declare a mistrial after a jury verdict.

Lau v. Royal Bank of Canada, 2017 BCCA 253, 415 D.L.R. (4th) 166. Counsel for respondent account manager in leading employment law decision on the availability of aggravated damages following wrongful dismissal.

Park v. Targonski, 2017 BCCA 134, 6 W.W.R. 641, 94 B.C.L.R. (5th) 388. Counsel for respondent in appeal from award of personal injury damages.

Harder v. Poettcker, 2016 BCCA 477, 90 B.C.L.R. (5th) 377, 93 C.P.C. (7th) 1, supplementary reasons on costs 2017 BCCA 107. Counsel for defendant in a leading case on a trial judge's power to pronounce partial judgment and continue a trial after a civil jury's verdict under Supreme Court Civil Rules 12-6(8) and (11).

Borgjford v. Boizard, 2016 BCCA 317, 403 D.L.R. (4th) 745, application for leave to appeal ref'd (09 February 2017), File No. 37210 (S.C.C.). Counsel for defendants in motor vehicle liability appeal engaging issues of standard of care and factual and legal causation in the context of vehicles passing on a highway.

Currie v. Taylor, 2014 BCCA 51, 350 B.C.A.C. 246. Counsel for respondent in appeal from liability finding apportioning fault between drivers of vehicles.

Ediger v. Johnston, [2013] 2 S.C.R. 98, 2013 SCC 18. Counsel for plaintiff in infant medical negligence claim, additional reasons, 2013 BCCA 525, 351 B.C.A.C. 143, 6 C.C.L.T. (4th) 95, allowing cross appeal on damages on terms settled by the parties.

Cahoon v. Brideaux, 2010 BCCA 228, 287 B.C.A.C. 85, 4 B.C.L.R. (5th) 229. Counsel for defendants in an appeal from a jury damages award.

Rowe v. Bobell Express Ltd., 2005 BCCA 141, 251 D.L.R. (4th) 290, 29 C.C.L.T. (3d) 206, 39 B.C.L.R. (4th) 185. Counsel for plaintiff on the appeal of a leading case of a damages award assessing past loss of income

and future loss of earning capacity.

RECOGNITION

Co-Author, "Damages for Loss of Earning Capacity", Personal Injury Conference, Continuing Legal Education (October 2010)

Co-Author and Presenter, "Admissibility of Expert Evidence", Medical Experts Conference, Continuing Legal Education (May 2009)

Co-Author, "Damages Update", Canadian Defence Lawyers Conference (February 2006)

Co-Author, "Two Approaches to Defending Bad Faith Claims: Bifurcation and Costs Personally Against Plaintiff's Solicitor", Litigating Disability Insurance Claims, Canadian Institute (November 2004)

Co-Author, "Breach of Contract, Mental Distress, and Injury: The Underlying 'Logic' of Awards for Aggravated Damages and Damages for Mental Distress", Litigating Disability Insurance Claims, Canadian Institute (November 2003)

Co-Author, "Principles of Subrogation", Personal Injury Conference, Continuing Legal Education (May 2003)

ASSOCIATIONS

Member of Law Society of British Columbia