

Claire Immega

Partner

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Claire Immega (she/her/hers) is a Partner and Co-Chairs both the Commercial Litigation and the Estates Litigation Practice Groups at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP. Claire's practice focuses on commercial and real estate disputes, estate litigation, and professional regulation and discipline.

She delivers focused results based on an in-depth understanding of her clients' needs and interests. She is passionate about Vancouver business and community interests, and Chairs the firm's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Claire represents commercial and residential landlords and property managers, real estate owners and developers, corporate stakeholders, and a variety of regulated professionals. She regularly appears in British Columbia Supreme Court, the British Columbia Court of Appeal, and a variety of regulatory bodies and administrative tribunals, and has assisted clients before the Supreme Court of Canada.

RANKINGS + RECOGNITION

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers Canada*® as "One to Watch"
- Recognized in *Benchmark Canada* - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys as a "Future Litigation Star" and featured in the *40 and Under Hot List*
- Recognized as a Leading Lawyer for Arbitration in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert*® Directory

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Board of LandlordBC
- Member, Vancouver Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Co-chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

EXPERIENCE

Claire's experience includes:

- Complex corporate and commercial disputes, including shareholder disputes and directors and officer's liability, including:
 - lead defence counsel in ongoing corporate officer's negligence and fraud litigation surrounding the negotiation of an liquefied natural gas deal and the purchase of real estate worth \$37 million
 - key legal team member in complex securities fraud and negligence disputes worth over \$500 million and a shareholders' dispute worth approximately \$250 million
- Leasing and development, including managing commercial, residential, and long-term leasing disputes, and advising landlords and developers on tenant relocation and development planning, including:
 - advising landlords and property owners through renovation and repair of low and high-rise properties in various municipalities, including Vancouver, Richmond, Surrey, and Victoria
 - assisting apartment building owners through renovation and redevelopment processes in a changing legal



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EDUCATION

- Called to the British Columbia Bar, 2012
- Juris Doctor, University of British Columbia, 2011
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), University of Toronto, 2006

and regulatory environment

-managing legal issues related to a \$20 million downtown Vancouver apartment building renovation

-acting for industry organizations in appellate matters regarding landlord issues

- Estate litigation, including wills variation actions, estate administration, committees, and probate.
- Real estate litigation, including real estate fraud and contract disputes, including:
 - acts as lead plaintiff counsel in ongoing \$1.5 million real estate fraud litigation, in which she secured Mareva freezing orders over \$1.7 million of assets
 - acts as lead plaintiff counsel in dispute over investment in a Caribbean property worth \$10 US million
- Representing regulated professionals in disciplinary matters, including dentists, geoscientists, registered clinical counsellors, and others, and settling most disciplinary matters with minimal fines and penalties.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, *"Sign on the dotted line: What you need to know about consent and waiver forms,"* The Medical Post, February, 2022
- Co-author, *"A Whole New World during and post COVID? Virtual Examination Discovery in B.C."*, July, 2020
- Co-author, *"Virtual Series – Virtual Oral Advocacy in British Columbia"*, July, 2020
- Co-author, *"Chapter 7 – Injunctions in Intellectual Property Cases"*, Injunctions—British Columbia Law and Practice, The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, June, 2020
- Co-author, *"Collecting Arrears from Tenants Seeking Protection or Bankruptcy"*, Building Owners & Managers Association of British Columbia Newsletter, June, 2020
- Co-author, *"Real Estate Transactions and COVID: Challenges to Closing"*, April, 2020
- Co-author, *"Update for BC Residential Landlords: Suspension of Evictions and Other Measures: The Ministerial Order"*, March, 2020
- Co-author, *"Update for BC Residential Landlords: Rent and Eviction Freeze and Other Government Measures"*, March, 2020
- Author, *"Landowner Transparency Act – More Taxes, Less Privacy"*, The Goodman Report, October, 2018
- Co-author, *"Tough New Privacy Rules For Landlords"*, July 2018
- Author, *"Landlords: Look Out for Stringent New Privacy Rules"*, January, 2018
- Author, *"The Ins and Outs of Tenant Relocation"*, December, 2017
- Author, *"Professional Insurance – Are you Fully Covered?"*, July, 2017
- Author, *"The Duty of Good Faith, or: How Not to Let Courts Rewrite Your Lease"*, March, 2017

PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, LandLordBC, *The Province and the Cities: Navigating Government Responses to the Rental Housing Crunch*, June, 2019
- Speaker, UDI British Columbia, *Litigation Challenges Arising From the COVID-19 Pandemic*, August 2020

NEWS + INSIGHTS

- *Madam Justice Linda Loo: Lawyer, Judge, Innovator - and a former Managing Partner of Singleton Reynolds – a Tribute on International Women's Day* - Mar 8, 2021 • Co-authored
- *Lease found to be "clear and unambiguous"* - Jan 8, 2021 • Co-authored
- *Virtual Series – Virtual Oral Advocacy in British Columbia* - Jul 15, 2020 • Co-authored
- *British Columbia Court of Appeal Affirms Principles Applicable to Lease Interpretation* - Jul 7, 2020 • Co-authored
- *Real Estate Transactions and COVID: Challenges to Closing* - Apr 20, 2020 • Co-authored

- COVID-19: Prime Minister Trudeau announces more help to Individuals and Businesses - Apr 16, 2020 • Co-authored
- Tough New Privacy Rules For Landlords - Jul 25, 2018 • Co-authored
- Landlords: Look Out for Stringent New Privacy Rules - Jan 6, 2018 • Co-authored
- The Ins and Outs of Tenant Relocation - Dec 21, 2017
- Professional Insurance - Are you Fully Covered? - Jul 4, 2017
- The Duty of Good Faith, or: How Not to Let Courts Rewrite Your Lease - Mar 23, 2017
- New Guide Dog Rules: Best Practices for Businesses - Jun 28, 2016
- Obtaining Evidence: A Challenge in the Internet Age - Apr 28, 2016

COMMUNITY + VOLUNTEERING

- Co-Chair, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP