

Daniel Barber

Partner

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Dan Barber is a Partner in the Insurance, Construction and Infrastructure, and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP.

He is a practical litigator who strives to solve his clients' legal problems effectively and efficiently. He specializes in the areas of insurance defence, professional liability, construction, and collections.

In his insurance work, Dan represents insureds in claims made by third parties and also represents insurers in first party coverage claims, bad faith claims, and recovery matters.

Outside of his insurance work, Dan assists his clients to successfully navigate through complex litigation including:

- litigated and pre-litigation construction claims
- all manners of collections work, including garnishment and execution against both real and personal property
- leasing disputes

Dan has appeared as counsel at all levels of court in British Columbia and regularly represents clients at chambers, trials, mediations and arbitrations.

He began his articles with the firm in 2009. Since then, he has crafted an accomplished practice in Insurance Law, Construction Law, and Commercial Litigation. He has remained heavily involved with the firm, captaining the Singleton Reynolds softball and ski teams.

RANKINGS + RECOGNITION

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*

MEMBERSHIPS

- Past Chair, Insurance Law Section, B.C. Branch, Canadian Bar Association
- Secretary, Insurance Law Section, Canadian Bar Association
- Member-at-Large, Insurance Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association
- Member-at-Large, Insurance Law Section of the B.C. Branch of the Canadian Bar Association
- Board Member, Alumni Association, Peter A. Allard School of Law
- Member, Vancouver Regional Construction Association U40 Network
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Vancouver Bar Association
- Past "Member-at-large", Vancouver Bar Association

EXPERIENCE

Representative Experience:

- Defended a professional liability claim against an engineer in the context of a run-of-the-river hydroelectric project in British Columbia.



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Construction and Infrastructure
Law
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Professional Liability

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EDUCATION

- Called to the British Columbia Bar, 2010
- Juris Doctor, University of British Columbia, 2009
- Bachelor of Arts, Honours, University of Ottawa, 2006

- Defended a building subcontractor against claims of negligence arising from the fire loss of a multi-unit strata complex.
- Defended municipalities and commercial owners against claims of negligent design, on multiple occasions achieving resolution without any payment by his clients.
- Represented insurers in coverage matters and in matters involving allegations of the breach of the duty of good faith.
- Represented professional surveyors against claims of economic loss arising from allegations of negligent surveying of a multi-unit strata development.
- Represented formwork subcontractors to recover claims for delay and extras arising from the retrofitting of a historic concrete building.
- Recovered hundreds of thousands of dollars on behalf of institutional insurers in subrogated, fraud, and other recovery claims.
- Recovered hundreds of thousands of dollars on behalf of creditors, landlords, and professionals for a variety of debt claims.
- Conducted multiple trials, ranging in duration from three days to three weeks, in the Supreme Court of British Columbia as lead counsel and co-chair in matters including insurance defence, insurance coverage, fraud, and construction claims.
- Frequently resolved litigation using mediation, negotiation, and other alternative forms of dispute resolution.

Reported Decisions:

- *British Columbia Conference Property Developmental Council of the United Church of Canada v AccessSMT Holdings Ltd.*, 2022 BCSC 830
- *Verrier Estate v The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company*, 2022 BCSC 348
- *Rivers v. North Vancouver (District)*, 2021 BCCA 407; application for leave to the S.C.C. denied
- *Klose v Chybisov*, 2021 BCSC 333
- *Wright v. Schlesiger* 2020 BCCA 73
- *Rivers v. North Vancouver (District)*, 2020 BCSC 1050
- *Tsonis v. Mizuguchi*, 2020 BCSC 643
- *Ghuman v. ICBC*, 2019 BCSC 1380
- *Ghuman v. ICBC*, 2019 BCSC 3
- *Can-Faith Enterprises Inc. v. 0932784 B.C. Ltd.*, 2019 BCSC 1322
- *Pearson v. Whiteside*, 2018 BCSC 1246
- *Insurance Corporation of British Columbia v. Mehat*, 2017 BCSC 1476
- *Pearson v. Savage*, 2017 BCSC 1435
- *CIT Financial Ltd. v. Insurance Corporation of British Columbia*, 2017 BCSC 641
- *Schaffner v. Insurance Corporation of British Columbia*, 2016 BCSC 1186
- *LeBel v. ICBC et al*, 2016 BCPC 126
- *Schaffner v. Insurance Corporation of British Columbia*, 2015 BCSC 314
- *Kett v. Insurance Corporation of BC*, 2014 BCPC 173
- *Wallner v. Uppal*, 2012 BCSC 1602
- *Maver v. Greenheat Energy Corporation*, 2012 BCSC 1139
- *Kotscha v. Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem*, 2011 BCSC 836

PUBLICATIONS

- Featured, "From eviction to victory: Metro Vancouver renter gets \$24K cheque from former landlord," Vancouver Is Awesome, July, 2023
- Author, "Bill 27, the *Money Judgment Enforcement Act*: An Overview of Proposed Key Changes to the Enforcement of Money Judgments in B.C.," May, 2023
- Author, "Sports and Recreational Facility Standard of Care," Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, BarTalk, August, 2021
- 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, "Collecting Arrears from Tenants Seeking Protection or Bankruptcy," Building Owners & Managers Association of British Columbia Newsletter, June, 2020
 - Claiming Litigation Privilege Before a Lawsuit Starts
 - Highlights of the New Limitation Act
 - Co-author, "The Rules Have Changed But Litigation Remains the Same,"
 - You can teach an old lawyer new rules?
 - Co-author, "[The Perils of Co-Ownership](#)," August, 2018
 - Co-author, "[The Sky's the Limit—But Not for Limited Partners](#)," August, 2017
 - Author, "[Engage in Extreme Sports at Your Own Risk](#)," July, 2017
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PRESENTATIONS

Dan has spoken on civil litigation topics to both business groups and the legal industry including:

- Panelist, "Residential Landlord and Tenant Disputes," Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver, June, 2023
 - Speaker, "What's New in Canadian Auto Insurance: Past and Present Experiences," Canadian Bar Association Insurance Law Section, February, 2023
 - Presenter, "The Clash: Using Summary Trial to Bring About Early Resolution," Canadian Defence Lawyers, Annual Paralegal Program, 2016
 - Presenter, Debt Collection, Better Business Bureau, 2012 and 2013
 - Presenter, Debt Collection, Small Business BC, 2011
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NEWS + INSIGHTS

- [Bill 27, the Money Judgment Enforcement Act: An Overview of Proposed Key Changes to the Enforcement of Money Judgments in B.C.](#) - May 29, 2023
 - [A Whole New World during and post COVID? Virtual Examination Discovery in B.C.](#) - Jul 21, 2020 • Co-authored
 - [Virtual Series – Virtual Oral Advocacy in British Columbia](#) - Jul 15, 2020 • Co-authored
 - [Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act: An Overview for Canadian Creditors](#) - May 25, 2020 • Co-authored
 - [The Perils of Co-Ownership](#) - Aug 2, 2018 • Co-authored
 - [The Sky's the Limit—But Not for Limited Partners](#) - Aug 8, 2017
 - [Engage in Extreme Sports at Your Own Risk](#) - Jul 4, 2017
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COMMUNITY + VOLUNTEERING

- Coach, Britannia Soccer Micro-Footie
- Clinician, Access Pro Bono
- Volunteer Lawyer, Law Students' Legal Advice Program
- Captain, Singleton Reynolds Softball and Ski teams
- Former Reviewer, Dial-a-Law