

Evan Rankin

Partner

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Evan Rankin is a Partner in the Commercial Litigation Practice Group at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP. He regularly acts for lawyers, directors, officers, and their companies in professional liability claims and shareholder disputes.

A thorough, tough, and responsive litigator, Evan has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario, as well as before the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and the Ontario Securities Commission.

As an experienced freedom of expression advocate, Evan has worked on human rights claims in both domestic and international forums.

Before joining the firm, Evan articulated at the Enforcement Branch of the Ontario Securities Commission, giving him special insight into a complex and growing area of litigation. He has since advised clients on the potential impact of securities laws to their businesses.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, The Advocates' Society Prosecutors' Network

EXPERIENCE

Recently served as counsel to:

- The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario in successfully defeating an application for judicial review of a suspension order granted against a physician: *Luchkiw v College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2022 ONSC 5738 (Div Ct);
- The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario in its successful application for a statutory injunction in relation to an investigation into COVID-19 exemptions: *College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario v O'Connor*, 2022 ONSC 195;
- A prominent freedom of expression advocacy organization in its successful intervention in the precedent-setting freedom of expression case: *CCLA v Attorney General of Ontario*, 2020 ONSC 4838;
- A Crown agency in an appeal to the Ontario Court of Appeal in a \$7.5 million contract dispute: *Crosstown Transit Constructors v Metrolinx*, 2019 ONCA 240;
- A doctor in her successful appeal from a \$1 million arbitration decision: *Wang v Takhar*, 2019 ONSC 5535;
- A large not-for-profit entity in respect of a human rights application before the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario: *Gupta v Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada*, 2019 HRTO 469;
- A downtown Toronto restaurant in its successful motion for injunctive relief against its landlord: *Jungle Lion Management Inc. v London Life Insurance Company*, 2019 ONSC 780;
- Several major law firms in various professional negligence claims.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Remedial Measures May be Imposed on Regulated Medical Professionals for Degrading



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EDUCATION

- Called to the Ontario Bar, 2017
- Juris Doctor, University of Toronto, 2016
- Master of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, 2012
- Bachelor of Arts, Queen's University, 2010

Online Comments," August, 2023

- Co-author, "*The Estate of Arbabbahrami v. MSH International (Canada) Ltd.*: Implications for "War" and "Military or Usurped Power" Insurance Exclusions and Force Majeure Clauses," May, 2023
- Co-author, "Handley Comes for Lien Court Disclosure of Settlement Agreements Altering the Litigation Landscape in the Context of Lien Assignments," January, 2023
- Author, "The Law of Trolling: Publication bans in Regulatory Proceedings," Keeping Tabs, January, 2023
- Co-author, "Rare Example of Partial Summary Judgment in a Construction Matter Upheld," January, 2023
- Co-author, "Social Media Pump and Dumps: A Warning for Canadian Influencers," December, 2022
- Interview with *CBC Radio* commenting on market manipulation in Canada in light of the GameStop short squeeze, February, 2021
- Co-author, "After the GameStop Short Squeeze, What Does Market Manipulation Mean in Canada?," February, 2021
- Co-author, "The Emergencies Act and the Construction Industry," May, 2020
- "Poonian and the standard of review applied to securities regulatory decisions," *The Advocates' Journal* (2019) Vol. 37, No. 4
- Co-author, "SLAPP in the Face – Bondfield Prevails in Anti-SLAPP Motion," April, 2019.
- "Assessing Damages for the Public Disclosure of Private Facts: The Case of *Jane Doe 464533 v ND*" (2017) 42 Queen's LJ 135

PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Annual Banquet of the Medico-Legal Society of Toronto," April, 2023
- Speaker, "Swimming with the Sharks: Navigating Incivility and Harassment in Administrative Proceedings," Society of Ontario Adjudicators and Regulators, 34th Annual Conference, November, 2022

NEWS + INSIGHTS

- Remedial Measures May be Imposed on Regulated Medical Professionals for Degrading Online Comments - Aug 28, 2023 • Co-authored
- The Estate of Arbabbahrami v. MSH International (Canada) Ltd.: Implications for "War" and "Military or Usurped Power" Insurance Exclusions and Force Majeure Clauses - May 29, 2023 • Co-authored
- Handley Comes for Lien Court: Immediate Disclosure of Settlement Agreements Altering the Litigation Landscape in the Context of Lien Assignments - Jan 31, 2023 • Co-authored
- Rare Example of Partial Summary Judgment in a Construction Matter Upheld - Jan 11, 2023 • Co-authored
- Social Media Pump and Dumps: A Warning for Canadian Influencers - Dec 15, 2022 • Co-authored
- After the GameStop Short Squeeze, What Does Market Manipulation Mean in Canada? - Feb 1, 2021 • Co-authored
- Ontario's "Carbon Tax" Stickers are Unconstitutional – The Life and Death of the Federal Carbon Tax Transparency Act, 2019 - Sep 15, 2020 • Co-authored
- The Emergencies Act and the Construction Industry - Mar 21, 2020 • Co-authored
- *Presley v Van Dusen*: Implications for Limitations Defenses for Multiple Construction Defendants - Aug 19, 2019 • Co-authored
- SLAPP in the Face - Bondfield Prevails in Anti-SLAPP Motion - Apr 1, 2019 • Co-authored
- Tesla Decision – A Charged Exchange Between Government and Private Enterprise: *Tesla Motors Canada ULC v Ontario (Ministry of Transportation)*, 2018 ONSC 5062 - Oct 18, 2018
- Does your waiver protect you from claims under the *Consumer Protection Act*? The case of *Schnarr v Blue Mountain Resorts Limited*, 2018 ONCA 313 - Aug 21, 2018