

John R. Singleton Q.C., C.Arb

Managing Partner

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

John Singleton is the Managing Partner of our firm. He is a member of the Construction and Infrastructure, Insurance, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Litigation and Professional Liability Law Groups.

John's practice is focused on the areas of insurance, construction, professional liability and environmental matters, on behalf of property owners, architects, engineers, contractors, regulatory agencies and insurers. He has acted as counsel in several precedent-setting cases involving insurers, architects, engineers and other participants in the construction industry and has been counsel on a wide variety of issues related to environmental concerns.

John is a chartered arbitrator and mediator of complex commercial disputes, and is actively involved in both mediation and arbitration on behalf of his own clients and as retained by others. John has extensive experience with Public Private Partnership (P3's) and major infrastructure projects and he has acted as fairness monitor and advisor on more than 50 projects in the past 10 years including:

- RCMP Headquarters in Surrey
- The Surrey Memorial Outpatient Clinic
- Surrey Biofuel Project
- Joseph and Rosalie Segal Acute Care Facility
- Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals
- Several Fraser Health, Interior Health and Northern Health healthcare projects
- Campbell River, Courtney, Ft. St. John, Haida Gwaii Hospitals
- John Hart Dam
- Site C Dam Civil Works, Turbines and Generators, Power House and Spillway
- Royal Columbian Hospital
- BC Hydro Smart Metering Project
- BC Hydro Bioenergy Program

RANKINGS + RECOGNITION

- Recognized as a leading infrastructure lawyer in the 2018 issue of the *Lexpert® Special Edition on Infrastructure*.
- Ranked by *Best Lawyers®* for his work in Construction Law, Insurance Law and Product Liability Law from 2006 – 2019.
- Recognized in *Who's Who Legal — The International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers* as one of the top construction lawyers in Canada.
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV® Preeminent™ 5 out of 5 Peer Review Rated from 1990 – present.
- Recognized in *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a "Litigation Star".
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business (Construction)* as a Band 1 practitioner in the area of Construction Law. Sources describe John as a "real top gun" and praise him as a "perceptive, experienced and knowledgeable" practitioner.



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EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts, University of Alberta: 1966
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Alberta: 1969
- Called to the Bar: 1970
- Master of Laws: University of London, London School of Economics and Political Science, England: 1971
- Member of the Law Societies of Alberta (1970), Saskatchewan (1981), British Columbia (1982), and Yukon (1984)

- Recognized as a Leading Lawyer in Construction, Litigation, Insurance and Professional Liability in the 2018 Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory.
 - Recognized in The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada (Construction Law).
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MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, International Society of Construction Lawyers
 - Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America
 - Member, Diversity Law Institute
 - Member, Trial Law Institute
 - Fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
 - Member, Federation of Defence and Corporate Counsel
 - Member, Defence Research Institute
 - Member, Arbitrators Institute of Canada
 - Arbitrator, American Dispute Resolution Center
 - Member, Association of Defense Trial Attorneys
 - Member, Panel of Arbitrators of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) and Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
 - Member, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore International Arbitration Centres
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EXPERIENCE

- Legal counsel on a number of precedent setting cases in the construction and insurance industries.
 - Fairness Advisor on over 65 infrastructure projects in the past decade.
 - Chartered Arbitrator and Mediator
 - Coordinator of and frequent speaker at courses on construction, insurance and environmental law
 - Active lecturer and author of papers on loss control, construction law, insurance law, environmental law and other subjects for trade and legal publications
 - Visiting Lecturer, Stanford University Law School, Palo Alto, California
 - Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law
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PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, [On Acts and Accidents](#), Insurance People, November 2018
- Co-Author, [A New Construction Act – What Has Changed and How Will It Affect P3 Projects?](#), Lexpert Special Edition on Infrastructure, September 2018
- New Duty of Honest Performance of Contractual Obligations
- How To Operate When You Cooperate
- Keeping Out of Trouble in 2013
- The Law of Tenders: Fair Today, Gone Tomorrow
- When Is a Contract a Contract?
- Thinking of Contracting in the United States?
- Dealing Fairly with Subcontractor Bids
- Building Information Modelling (BIM): the Good and the Bad
- CLIENT ALERT- If It's Brokered It Can't Be Fixed
- Class Dismissed

- Public Private Partnerships: A Paradigm Shift
 - Thinking of Retiring?
 - No Insurance for Faulty Workmanship or Materials
 - Insurer Required to Defend Civil Lawsuit Involving Criminal Acts
 - New Client Identification and Verification Rules for BC Law Firms
 - CLIENT ALERT - When is a Design "Faulty"?
 - Computers Blackberrys and E-Discovery
 - Resolving Foreign-Interest Business Disputes in the People's Republic of China: II
 - Resolving Foreign-Interest Business Disputes in the People's Republic of China: I
 - Thoughtless and Careless Neighbours
 - Right to Negotiate with Bidders in the Procurement Process
 - CLIENT ALERT - Right to Negotiate with Bidders in the Procurement Process
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PRESENTATIONS

- Coordinator of and frequent speaker at courses on construction, insurance and environmental law
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NEWS + INSIGHTS

- [Does Liability Insurance Cover Demolition Costs to Repair Faulty Workmanship?](#) - Jul 26, 2018
 - [Breaking through barriers](#) - Dec 8, 2017 • Co-authored
 - [Powering fair procurement](#) - Dec 8, 2017 • Co-authored
 - [Keeping things on track](#) - Nov 29, 2017 • Co-authored
 - [Right to Negotiate with Bidders in the Procurement Process](#) - Jul 4, 2017
 - [Glenn](#) - Jul 4, 2017
 - [Duties Owed Between Primary Insurers, Excess Insurers, and Insureds](#) - Jul 4, 2017
 - [John R. Singleton Q.C. and Helmut K. Johannsen to speak at PBL's The Construction Industry - Major Projects](#) - May 31, 2016 • Co-authored
 - [Designers and Builders Beware: New Technologies, New Products, New Risks](#) - Apr 28, 2016
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COMMUNITY + VOLUNTEERING

John has served as board member , president and legal advisor during the past two decades to the Arts Umbrella, a remarkable organization offering music, dance and visual and performing arts programs to over 21,000 children and young adults each year.