

Stephen Berezowskyj

Counsel

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Steve Berezowskyj is Counsel in the Construction and Infrastructure practice group. His litigation and dispute resolution practice focuses on insurance defence and construction related disputes.

Steve regularly defends design professionals and contractors in various construction defect, warranty and general liability claims. He also advises on procurement, builders' liens and claims for extras and delay. Steve's litigation practice also focuses on insurance defence with an emphasis on bodily injury, professional liability and construction-related claims. He provides advice to insurers on coverage-related disputes. Steve has been appointed as fairness advisor for the procurement process on a range of public infrastructure projects.

RANKINGS + RECOGNITION

- Recognized as Construction Lawyer of the Year (Vancouver) by *Best Lawyers Canada*®.
- Ranked in the areas of Construction Law, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, and Professional Malpractice Law by *Best Lawyers Canada*®.
- Recognized in *Benchmark Canada* - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys as a "Litigation Star".
- Recognized in *Who's Who Legal* as a Leading Lawyer in the area of Construction Law.
- Recognized as a Leading Lawyer in the areas of Construction and Product Liability in the Canadian *Lexpert*® Directory.
- Recognized as a Leading Lawyer in the area of Construction Law in the *Lexpert*®/ALM500 Directory.
- Recognized as a Leading Lawyer in the *Lexpert*® *Special Edition on Infrastructure* and the *Lexpert*® *Special Edition on Litigation*.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
- Member, Canadian Bar Association - Insurance Law Section
- Member, Canadian Bar Association - Construction Law Section

EXPERIENCE

Steve has appeared as counsel in all levels of the British Columbia courts and participates regularly in arbitrations, mediations and other forms of dispute resolution.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "The Duty to Defend in Long-Tail Claims: An initial review of the Ontario Court of Appeal's decision in *Loblaw Companies Limited v Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada*," June, 2024
- Co-author, "Common Construction Project Delivery Model Options and Rationales," October, 2022
- Co-author, "Municipal Power to Discriminate: The Impact of *Shell Canada Products v. Vancouver (City) on Public Procurement*," *Journal of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers*, 2020 J. Can. C. Construction Law. 37, 2020



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EDUCATION

- Called to the British Columbia Bar, 1998
- Bachelor of Laws, University of British Columbia, 1997

- Co-author, "Tendering Law - Suing the City Could be Bad for Business - J. Cote Decision," July, 2019
 - Author, "Construction Insurance and Bonds - A Primer," July, 2017
 - Author, "Acting in Good Faith: A Requirement in Tendering," April, 2016
 - Co-author, "Biting the Hand that Fed You: Former Employees and Client Information," Letter of the Law, Summer 2015
 - Author, "Joint Venture, Disjointed Liability," Martindale, March, 2015
 - Author, "Insurance Reform Finally Arrives in British Columbia," Martindale, October, 2012
 - Co-author, "The Rules Have Changed But Litigation Remains the Same," Martindale, September, 2011
 - Author, "Waiving Your Claim Goodbye," Letter of the Law, Summer, 2011
 - Co-author, "Proper Formation is Fundamental to the Insurance Contract," Martindale, January, 2011
 - Author, "Lien and Mean," Martindale, August, 2010
 - Co-author, "Recent Decisions Expand Liability for Commercial Hosts," Client Alert, September, 2009
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PRESENTATIONS

- Lecturer, Construction Law, Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia
 - Speaker, The Continuing Legal Education Society of BC
 - Presenter, "Differing Site Conditions," Construction Forum: Lessons From Real Life Experience, October, 2018
 - Presenter, "Introduction to the Builders Lien Act," AIBC, June, 2018
 - Presenter, "Small Construction Disputes," CLE Seminar, February, 2018
 - Presenter, "An Architect's Guide to not Getting Sued," AIBC, May, 2017
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NEWS + INSIGHTS

- [The Duty to Defend in Long-Tail Claims: An initial review of the Ontario Court of Appeal's decision in Loblaw Companies Limited v Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada](#) - Jun 3, 2024 • Co-authored
 - [Common Construction Project Delivery Model Options and Rationales](#) - Oct 14, 2022 • Co-authored
 - [Tendering Law - Suing the City Could be Bad for Business - J. Cote Decision](#) - Jul 23, 2019
 - [Stephen Berezowskyj Inducted into the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers](#) - Jun 4, 2018
 - [Stephen Berezowskyj to present to CLEBC on Construction Law](#) - Feb 5, 2018
 - [Breaking through barriers](#) - Dec 8, 2017 • Co-authored
 - [Construction Insurance and Bonds - A Primer](#) - Jul 4, 2017
 - [Acting in Good Faith: A Requirement in Tendering](#) - Apr 28, 2016
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COMMUNITY + VOLUNTEERING

He is a soccer player and former youth coach looking for work.