



Satinder Sidhu

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Profile

Satinder views every file as an opportunity to advocate for clients while working to achieve a favourable and economical resolution of the construction or insurance matter at issue.

The construction clients that Satinder works with bring projects to life proficiently. The insurance clients that she works with manage a large volume of claims with expertise and efficiency. Satinder mirrors these qualities in her practice, ensuring that clients can execute their projects and resolve their claims in a timely and skillful manner.

Work Highlights

Public sector service provider

- > Successfully negotiated settlement and significant reduction of \$10M delay claim by contractor, resulting in ministry and tax payers avoiding years of litigation and legal costs

RodRozen Designs Inc. v. 0977168 B.C. Ltd., 2016 BCSC 834

- > Successfully secured the cancellation of a certificate of pending litigation against property where claimant failed to assert the proper proprietary claim in context of a joint venture agreement to carry out construction work

Property owner/developer

- > Successfully negotiated settlement of claim against insured with a \$1 mill exposure for land subsidence and potential collapse of a structure. At mediation, secured a substantial contribution from the co-defendant engineer notwithstanding a limitation of liability clause

Additional work highlights below

Satinder's guiding goal is to always achieve the best possible result, advancing clients' interests to their furthest extent through skilled and considered action.

Insurance Litigation Services

- > Coverage advice and defense of coverage denials
- > Defense and subrogation of property damage claims, including fire loss and environmental contamination
- > Defense of personal injury claims, including orthopaedic injuries, traumatic brain injuries and psychological disorders

Construction Litigation Services

- > Builders' lien claims
- > Contract disputes
- > Construction delay and deficiency claims
- > Surety bond claims
- > Insurance coverage
- > Strata property disputes

Satinder has appeared at all levels of BC court, where she devotes methodical attention to every detail of a file to formulate thoughtful and effective strategies that bring success.

Satinder immerses herself in our clients' businesses, whether they are developers, design professionals, contractors or any number of companies or individuals dealing with an insured loss. The list is vast and varied as to the types of businesses and individuals with which Satinder gets to engage. This experience allows her to better help clients both defend claims and pursue them.

Satinder takes her work as a personal reflection and always wants that image to be positive. This means working smartly and diligently to ensure that every work product is a reflection of which she is proud.

Satinder finds it rewarding to help clients successfully face legal challenges so that they can get back to enjoying their lives beyond litigation.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers in Canada, Insurance Law, 2022 - 2024

Industry Involvement

- > Canadian Bar Association, member, 2004 - Present
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, member, 2004 - Present
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, Construction subsection member, 2004 - Present
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, Insurance subsection member, 2004 - Present
- > Canadian Defence Lawyers, member
- > Law Society of British Columbia, member, 2004 - Present
- > South Asian Bar Association of British Columbia, member
- > South Asian Bar Association of British Columbia, former director

Community Commitments

- > Eastside Movement for Business and Economic Renewal Society (EMBERS), director

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2004
- > University of British Columbia, Bachelor of Laws, 2003
- > University of British Columbia, Bachelor of Arts in History, 2000

External Presentations

- > Short Term Rentals: Insurance Coverage Concerns, Insurance Institute of British Columbia, September 21, 2016
- > Leading Insurance Cases and Developments from Across Canada, Canadian Bar Association Webinar, March 30, 2016
- > Tendering, Contracts and Liens, Buildex Vancouver, February 24, 2016
- > Design Professional Liability: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You, Construction Specifications Canada, January 9, 2015
- > P&C Insurance in British Columbia: Top Cases & Industry Developments 2012-2013, Insurance Institute of British Columbia, June 6, 2013
- > Construction Law Topics - Your Doorway to Success, CP Distributors Ltd., May 2, 2013
- > The Art of a Builders Liens (update), Buildex Vancouver, February 14, 2013
- > The Art of a Builders Liens, Buildex Vancouver, February 9, 2012
- > An Ounce of Prevention: Practical Advice on Builders Liens, Insurance and Bonds, Buildex Vancouver, February 23, 2011
- > Think Like A Judge: Commercial Liability Endorsements and Exclusions, Insurance Brokers Association of BC, May 4, 2010
- > Construction Hot Topics in an Evolving Economy, Buildex Vancouver, April 21, 2010
- > Builders Liens: A Focus on Payment Issues, Percon Construction Ltd., November 6, 2009
- > The Builders Lien Act, Issues Arising on Insolvency, Canadian Construction Women, April 28, 2009
- > Changes in the CCDC 2, Vancouver Regional Construction Association, March 4 & 10, 2009
- > The Builders Lien Act, Issues Arising on Insolvency, Buildex Vancouver, February 11, 2009

External Publications

- > "Westbank Denies Insolvency As Lien Claims Extend To 8 Projects", Storeys (November 9, 2023)
- > "Review of insured's obligation to disclose material change in risk", The Lawyer's Daily (October 26, 2021)
- > "How BC Construction Sites Are Keeping Their Workers Safe From the Coronavirus", Daily Hive (April 6, 2020)
- > "COVID-19: BC Industry on Edge as Ontario Halts Construction Work to Stem Virus", The Vancouver Sun (April 4, 2020)
- > "COVID-19: BC Industry on Edge as Ontario Halts Construction Work to Stem Virus", The Province (April 3, 2020)
- > "COVID-19: UDI Updates and the Impact on the Real Estate Industry", UDI Institute (WEBINAR) (April 3, 2020)
- > "Construction Delays Could Trigger Liability for Contractors", Western Investor (March 25, 2020)
- > The Art of a Builders Lien, Buildex Vancouver (February 14, 2013)
- > Construction Law Section, Annual Review of Law & Practice, Continuing Legal Education, 2008

Additional Work Highlights

Chamberlain v. Jodoin, 2011 BCSC 739 aff'd on appeal 2012 BCCA 108

- > Successfully secured dismissal of claim against property owner pursuant to the Occupiers Liability Act defeating allegations that owner failed to properly maintain premises

Regional University

- > Extracted university from numerous lien claims and demands from CRA, Employment Standards and WCB arising through defunct contractor on construction projects

Amateur Hockey Association, League, Coach and Player

- > Successfully negotiated \$25,000 settlement of \$265,000 claim against various insureds covered under hockey association's CGL policy where questionable whether insured player's conduct was outside the expected scope of play

Local Restaurant and Bar

- > Defended insured establishment against liquor liability claim and established protocol for licensed establishments and their insurers to guard against over-service