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# **Erin Barnes**

Associate

Business Litigation
Indigenous Law
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## **Profile**

Resolving disputes can be a stressful and complex process. With her even-keeled and strong-willed nature, Erin successfully negotiates and settles even the most tumultuous of claims for her clients.

Erin has represented clients at all levels of court in British Columbia. When advocating for their interests, she is vocal and motivated.

She demonstrates intellectual aptitude when dealing with sophisticated construction and coverage matters and has in-depth experience working through high-stakes disputes. Erin is skilled at developing comprehensive assessments for her clients, as well as crafting clear and practical guidance that results in fair and efficient resolutions.

#### Services

- Coverage advice and disputes
- > Directors & Officers defence and coverage
- Contract Disputes
- > Complex liability defence and multi-party litigation

- > Construction and real estate litigation
- > Civil and commercial litigation matters
- Contract review and risk assessment
- > Litigation and negotiation between Aboriginal groups and government bodies
- > Aboriginal and Treaty Rights (opinions, negotiations and agreements)
- > Environmental impact assessments and regulatory matters for projects related to energy and natural resources
- Contaminated Sites

Erin's services are founded on trust and reliability. With a background in psychology, Erin distills the human element from her work and endeavors to understand the issues from the perspective of those involved. Whether advising on complex coverage matters or advancing a strategic defence, Erin does not lose sight of why each matter is important to the client. This approach delivers effective and positive outcomes, and provides a foundation for long-lasting business relationships.

### **Credentials**

#### **Awards & Distinctions**

> Carole T. Corcoran Award in Law

#### **Industry Involvement**

- > Law Society of British Columbia
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia
- > Indigenous Bar Association

#### **Community Commitments**

> Innocence Canada

#### **Education & Call to Bar**

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2019
- > Juris Doctor (J.D.), University of British Columbia, 2018
- > Bachelor's Degree, Psychology, University of Victoria, 2012

#### **Publications**

- Evolution of bad faith claims in Canada, The Lawyer's Daily, LexisNexis Canada, July 2019, Co-Author
- > The Changing Environment of Denials & Bad Faith Claims Insurance Institute of British Columbia's (IIBC) Insurance Symposium April 2019