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Biography

Deb Lister is Co-Leader of Miller Thomson's Commercial Litigation Group. She has a commercial litigation practice involving a breadth of experience and expertise in a number of areas and industries. While representing a wide range of clients, Deb has a particular interest in the following areas:

Corporate commercial litigation: shareholder disputes, partnership disputes, and general commercial/contractual disputes of all types.

Insurance matters: provision of advice regarding coverage, litigation regarding coverage disputes, and representation of insured matters for architects, engineers, social hosts, and others.

Trusts and estates: litigation services relating to all matters, including the replacement and appointment of trustees, applications for advice and direction, and will challenges.

Matrimonial: divorce, pre-nuptial and cohabitation agreements, and property disputes, particularly those involving complex property and corporate matters.

RELATED SERVICES

Commercial Litigation
Estates and Trusts Litigation
Family Law
Insurance Defence
Shareholder Disputes

RELATED INDUSTRIES

Insurance & Risk Management

Professional achievements & leadership

- *Benchmark Canada*, Litigation Star, 2023 - 2024
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2018 - 2024; Insurance Law, 2022 - 2024; Trusts and Estates, 2024
- Sessional Instructor, University of Alberta, Faculty of Law, Civil Procedure, 2010 - 2014
- Dean's List, University of Alberta, Faculty of Law, 1997 - 2000
- Berger Prize in Criminal Trial and Procedure
- Parlee Scholarship
- Honourable Mr. Justice Arnold F. Moir Scholarship

Thought leadership

- Co-author, "Why competent legal advice is fundamental," Miller Thomson Estate Litigation Blog, May 5, 2021
- Co-author, "The scope and interpretation of faulty workmanship exclusions in multi-peril policies," Miller Thomson Insurance Law Blog, May 12, 2020

- Co-author, "The ins and out of the 'Impaired Property' exclusion in commercial general liability policies," Miller Thomson Communiqué, July 2016
- Author, A Primer Regarding Exclusion Clauses," Miller Thomson Communiqué, November 13, 2008

Community involvement

- University of Alberta, Faculty of Law, Guest Lecturer, Professional Responsibility, 2022-2023
- University of Alberta, Faculty of Law, Guest Lecturer, Constitutional Litigation 2021-2023
- Workshops Facilitator: Practice Readiness Education Program (PREP), Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education (CPLED) Foundation, 2020 - Present
- Legislative Review Committee, North (Canadian Bar Association) , Member 2020 – present
- Board of Governors, Bissell Centre, May 2020-2023

Professional memberships

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Canadian Bar Association - Insurance Section, Wills & Trusts Section, Civil Litigation Section, and Family Section
- Member, Canadian Defence Lawyers Association

Bar admissions & education

- Alberta, 2001
- LL.B. (with distinction), University of Alberta, 2000
- B.A. (psychology, with first-class honours), Brock University, 1997