



## Debra Curcio Lister

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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.

### Professional achievements & leadership

- *Benchmark Canada*, Litigation Star, 2023
- *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

### RELATED SERVICES

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

### RELATED INDUSTRIES

Insurance & Risk Management

- 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