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## Biography

Elizabeth K. Ackman practices in the fields of insurance and commercial litigation with an emphasis on insurance coverage opinions, coverage disputes, and professional indemnity defence.

She is often involved in defence of architects and engineers on complex projects, retained by insurers in the Lloyds market. She provides advice to excess insurers on large claims including but not limited to project policy matters.

She has appeared before the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Elizabeth acts for a variety of corporate entities on commercial litigation matters including municipal and class action defence.

Elizabeth is committed to providing efficient and assertive representation for her clients. She takes a practical problem-solving approach to resolving her clients' concerns in a pragmatic and results-oriented manner.

Called to the bar in Ontario in 1988, Elizabeth has been with Miller Thomson since 1996.

## Professional achievements & leadership

- Ontario Bar Admission Course: Law Society Prize, 1988
- William Belmont Common Q.C. Prize, 1988
- Dalhousie Law School Admiralty Law Prize and Fisheries Law Prize, 1984 - 1985
- Dalhousie Law School Class of 1985 Prize, 1983 - 1984

## Notable matters

- *Spinks v. Lloyd's Underwriters* 2024 CarswellOnt 72; 2024 ONSC 42
- *Kin v. Ecclesiastical et al* 2022 CarswellOnt 4594; 2022 ONSC 1655
- *Scaffidi-Argentina v. Tega Homes Developments* 2021 CarswellOnt 14832; 2021 ONCA 738
- *Scaffidi-Argentina et al. v. Tega Homes Developments et al* 2020 CarswellOnt 15698; 2020 ONSC 6656
- *JJ's Hospitality v. Kal Tire* 2020 CarswellOnt 15056; 2020 ONSC 6198

## RELATED SERVICES

Commercial Debt Recovery  
Commercial Litigation  
Restructuring & Insolvency

- *Devincenzo v. Moir* 2017 CarswellOnt 13995; 2017 ONSC 5122
- *Dawson v. Halpenny Insurance Brokers. Ltd.* 2017 CarswellOnt 11863; 2017 ONSC 4487
- *Kutlu v. Laboratorios Leon Farma, S.A.* 2015 CarswellOnt 17446; 2015 ONSC 7117
- *Southcott Estates Inc. v. Toronto Catholic District School Board* 2012 CarswellOnt 12505; 2012 CarswellOnt 12506; 2012 SCC 51
- *Southcott Estate Inc. v. Toronto Catholic District School Board*, [2010] O.J. No. 1772 (appeal by the school board from judgment in favour of Southcott in its action to recover damages for the board's breach of a real estate contract)
- *Innovative Marketing Inc. v. D'Souza*, 2008 CarswellOnt 4618 (motion for an order varying an earlier order to permit access to assets frozen by a Mareva Order to pay both past and ongoing defence costs in respect of the action)
- *Law Society of Upper Canada v. Toronto Dominion Bank* 1998 CarswellOnt 4757 (appeal by bank from judgment declaring that lowest intermediate balance rule was not applicable to distribute funds in mixed trust account of lawyer found to be guilty of misappropriation of funds)

## Thought leadership

- "The Perils of Joint and Several Liability," *Taxes & Wealth Management*, Issue 7-1, February 2014.
- Unsigned Naming Agreement Held Binding, Charities and Not-for-Profit Newsletter, July 2004

## Professional memberships

- Law Society of Ontario
- The Advocates' Society

## Bar admissions & education

- Ontario, 1988
- LL.B., Dalhousie University, 1985
- B.A., Dalhousie University, 1982