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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Health | Construction and Infrastructure

EXPERTISE

Class Actions | Insurance Defence | Lloyd's of London | Commercial Litigation | Construction Litigation

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

British Columbia, 2022

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, University of Ottawa, 2021
- Bachelor of Arts, McGill University, 2016

Caitlin VanDuzer is a member of Miller Thomson's litigation group. Caitlin's experience ranges from commercial issues, insurance defence, personal injury, health law, and other litigation matters such as equine law disputes, which is largely driven by her background as a competitive show jumper and polo player. Within her insurance practice, she also advises clients on policy coverage issues.

Caitlin joined Miller Thomson as a student in 2020 and concluded her articles with the firm in 2022. She obtained her JD from the University of Ottawa where she graduated cum laude. During law school, she held a research assistant position focusing on surrogacy and organ donation. Caitlin completed her undergraduate degree at McGill University in International Development studies, with a primary focus in political science and economics.

Active in various legal and community initiatives, Caitlin's commitment extends beyond the courtroom. She has been part of the Ontario Educational Justice Network and served as a mentor in the Women in Law Leadership Program. Additionally, Caitlin has dedicated her time to volunteer work like the Ottawa Law Classic, supporting mental health research. Caitlin also completed a 5-month secondment at a Lloyd's of London syndicate in 2023 where she worked as a claims adjuster focusing primarily on professional indemnity matters.

Industry involvement

Notable matters

- Successfully argued to have two actions against a client dismissed on the basis that the limitation of liability provision in the contract at issue was enforceable (*MacDonald v Entuitive Corp et al*; *5059 North Project One Limited v Entuitive Corp et al*)
- Successfully argued to dismiss applications to renew three Notices of Civil Claim after their expiry in the Supreme Court of British Columbia (*Gao v Nicholson et al*, *Li v Nicholson et al* and *Meng v Nicholson et al*)
- Successfully argued an application in the Supreme Court of British Columbia to strike the majority of a Notice of Claim in relation to claims brought forward against Wynford Realty Group Ltd. (*The Owners, Strata Plan VR437 v Association of Woodcroft Councils et al*)

Community roles

During law school, Caitlin was involved in the Ontario Educational Justice Network, which aims to teach high-schoolers about alternative dispute resolution practices. She was also involved in the Women in Law Leadership Program as a mentor. Caitlin also volunteered with the Ottawa Law Classic, which aims to raise money for mental health research. Presently, Caitlin is a part of the Birth Rights Bar Association

Memberships & affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of British Columbia