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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Insurance and Risk Management

EXPERTISE

Insurance Defence | Lloyd's of London and international insurance | Commercial Litigation

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1988

EDUCATION

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

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Elizabeth K. Ackman practices insurance and commercial litigation, with a focus on insurance coverage opinions, coverage disputes, and professional indemnity defence. Frequently representing architects and engineers on large projects, she is trusted by insurers in the Lloyd's market to handle complex defence matters. Elizabeth also advises excess insurers on large claims, including project policy issues. She has

appeared before both the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. Beyond her insurance practice, Elizabeth represents corporate clients in a wide range of commercial litigation matters. Known for her practical, results-driven approach, she is dedicated to providing efficient and assertive representation that meets her clients' business goals. Elizabeth is a member of the Law Society of Ontario and The Advocates' Society. She has received various prizes from Dalhousie Law School, and the Ontario Bar Admission Law Society Prize.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- 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

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

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
- *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)

Memberships & affiliations

- Law Society of Ontario
- The Advocates' Society