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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Oil and Gas | Construction and Infrastructure |
Major Projects | Real Estate

EXPERTISE

Arbitration & Mediation | Restructuring &
Insolvency | Commercial Litigation |
Construction Litigation | Contractual Disputes

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Alberta, 2012

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of Alberta, 2011
- B.A. (with distinction), University of Alberta, 2007

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Emma Johnston is a skilled litigator providing advice to clients in Canada on construction, insurance, insolvency and commercial litigation. With a focus in construction law, she guides a diverse range of clients,

including those in residential, commercial, and industrial sectors, on all manners of types of construction disputes, including construction liens, prompt payment, and adjudication matters. Emma is dedicated to delivering personalized and cost-effective legal solutions, appearing in various courts and alternative dispute resolution to resolve disputes effectively.

Emma has shared her knowledge and insights through speaking engagements, and has authored numerous informative pieces on construction issues, showcasing her commitment to legal education in her areas of focus.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- Recognized in the *2024 Lexpert Special Edition* for Infrastructure
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Construction Law, 2025
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, Construction Law, 2024-2025

Thought leadership

- Co-presented, "Covid Recovery Series: Contracts & Limiting Liability," International Live Events Association, October 28, 2020
- Speaker, "Edmonton Construction Seminar Series – Builders Liens & the Ontario Construction Act," Miller Thomson seminar, April 8, 2019
- Speaker, "Calgary Construction Seminar Series – Builders Liens & the Ontario Construction Act," Miller Thomson seminar, April 2, 2019
- Author, "Summary Judgment – Confusion in Alberta," *Breaking Ground: MT Construction Law Western Canada*, June 21, 2018
- Emma has presented on Builders' Lien matters to various industry groups.
- Speaker, "Construction Contract Security," Miller Thomson seminar, May 31, 2016
- Author, "Bill 6 Update: Working Groups Appointed," *Food Web: Canadian Agribusiness and Food Law Blog*, May 30, 2016
- Author, "Bill 6: The Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act," *Food Web: Canadian Agribusiness and Food Law Blog*, December 14, 2015
- Author, "Nuisance and Neighbours," *Food Web: Canadian Agribusiness and Food Law Blog*, March 12, 2015
- Editor, Miller Thomson's *Food Web: Canadian Agribusiness and Food Law Blog*,

Community roles

- Pro Bono Law Alberta, Civil Claims Duty Counsel Project

- Pro Bono Law Alberta, Court Assistance Program (Queen's Bench Amicus Program)
- Student Legal Services, Civil Project

Memberships & affiliations

- Treasurer, Canadian Bar Association, Construction Section
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Alberta