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education and year of call

- Called to the Ontario bar - 2006
- Called to the Alberta bar - 2006
- Queen's University, LLB - 2005
- Queen's University, BA (Hons.) - 2003

practice areas

business litigation

product liability

arbitration

construction litigation

litigation

construction

white collar defence and government investigations

industries

energy

automotive

life sciences

manufacturing, distribution and retail

profile

Andrew Stead is a litigation partner in McMillan's Calgary office. Andrew has extensive experience in both litigation and arbitrations, including defending product liability claims, energy (oil and gas), class actions and construction disputes.

Andrew has successfully acted for numerous automobile, recreational vehicle, snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle manufacturers. Andrew has often spoken and published on issues relating to these disputes. Andrew also has broad experience defending all manner of product liability claims, including those arising from alarm system manufacturing and installation, fire suppression, plumbing products and pharmaceuticals.

He has appeared before all levels of court in Alberta as well as administrative and regulatory tribunals. He also represents clients before all levels of court in Ontario as well as the Saskatchewan Court of Queens's Bench.

directorships and professional associations

- Law Society of Alberta
- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Defense Research Institute
- The Advocates' Society
- The Calgary Bar Association

representative matters

Representative experience includes:

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- All manner of energy disputes
- Numerous construction disputes, often involving Builders' Liens
- Disputes between oilfield service providers and facility owners
- Disputes over the validity of leases and caveats on title that protect the lessee's interest
- Employer side employment law and Human Resources complaints
- Breach of commercial lease disputes
- Defending liability claims from defective parts and warranty

awards and rankings

- Recognized in the *2019 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Leading Lawyer to Watch in the area of Litigation – Corporate Commercial
- *Lexpert's* Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers under 40 (2018)

community involvement

Andrew is also a leading member of the firm's Pro Bono program and is an active volunteer at the Calgary Legal Guidance Clinic.

media mentions

- "[Lawsuit over an avalanche death](#)", *CBC Eyeopener*, February 22, 2018

"[Great Western, Steam Whistle breweries argue Alta. beer tax system unconstitutional](#)", *CTV News - Saskatoon*, June 22, 2017

- "[Breweries make case that Alberta's beer tax system is unconstitutional](#)" by Ian Bickis, *National Post*, June 22, 2017

publications

November 2016

"The Three Little Words That No Clients Love"
Defense Research Institute's *For the Defence*

Winter 2015

McMillan's E-newsletter Wrap-up
Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta

November 2015

Expert Witness Issues in Canada
For the Defence

Fall 2015

Things to Know About Standard Form Contracts
Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta

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Summer 2015

Not As Seen On Television
Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta

Winter 2014

Managing Employment Claims
Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta

Fall 2014

Understanding Human Rights Complaints
Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta

Summer 2014

The Fight is on, but What are the Rules?
Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta

Spring 2014

What Happens When You Defend a Product Liability Claim?
Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta

Fall 2013

Let's Talk Product Liability Claims
Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta

presentations

November 2016

Fire Loss Litigation in Canada
DRI Fire Science and Litigation Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona

June 2015

Anatomy of a Construction Lawsuit
13th Construction Financing Course, Calgary, Alberta

May 2015

Workshop: Writing Style & Plain Language
Adjudication in Alberta, Calgary, Alberta

April 2015

Anatomy of a Construction Lawsuit
13th Construction Financing, Calgary, Alberta

February 2015

Managing Risk by Coordinating Pattern Litigation in the U.S. and
Canada
DRI Product Liability Conference

April 2014

Dealing with Builders' Liens
Presenter, 12th Annual Construction Financing Conference,
Calgary, Alberta