

ANDREW E. STEAD*

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Andrew Stead is a leading litigation and dispute resolution lawyer with extensive experience in both litigation and arbitrations. His experience includes defending product liability claims, energy (oil and gas), class actions and construction disputes.

Having acted successfully for numerous automobile, recreational vehicle, snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle manufacturers, Andrew is a frequent speaker and author on issues relating to these cases. He also has broad experience defending all manner of product liability claims, including those relating to alarm system manufacturing and installation, fire suppression systems, plumbing products and pharmaceuticals.

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

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Expertise: Construction & Infrastructure, Energy, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Manufacturing, Product Liability & Regulation

Location: Calgary

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Position/Title: Partner, Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Community Involvement:

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

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Law Society of Alberta
- Law Society of Ontario

- Defense Research Institute
- The Advocates' Society
- The Calgary Bar Association

Publications:

- "The Three Little Words That No Clients Love," Defense Research Institute's *For the Defence* (November 2016)
- "[McMillan's E-newsletter Wrap-up](#)," Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta (Winter 2015)
- "Expert Witness Issues in Canada," *For the Defence* (November 2015)
- "[Things to Know About Standard Form Contracts](#)," Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta (Fall 2015)
- "[Not As Seen On Television](#)," Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta (Summer 2015)
- "Managing Employment Claims," Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta (Winter 2014)
- "[Understanding Human Rights Complaints](#)," Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta (Fall 2014)
- "[The Fight is on, but What are the Rules?](#)," Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta (Summer 2014)
- "[What Happens When You Defend a Product Liability Claim?](#)," Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta (Spring 2014)
- "[Let's Talk Product Liability Claims](#)," Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta (Fall 2013)
- "[How Can You Force Defamatory Web Content to be Removed?](#)," Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta (Summer 2013)
- "[Can Anyone Lie About My Business on the Internet?](#)," Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta (Spring 2013)
- "[CAPL 1990 Operating Procedure Potential Clause 301\(b\) Landmine](#)," *The Negotiator* (December 2011)

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the Ontario bar

Year: 2006

Degree: Called to the Alberta bar

Year: 2006

Degree: LLB

University: Queen's University

Year: 2005

Degree: BA (Honours)

University: Queen's University

Year: 2003

Media Mentions:

- "Lawsuit over an avalanche death", CBC Eyeopener, February 22, 2018

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

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

Rankings & Recognition:

- 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)

Speaking Engagements:

- *Fire Loss Litigation in Canada* DRI Fire Science and Litigation Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona
- November 2016

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- Anatomy of a Construction Lawsuit 13th Construction Financing Course, Calgary, Alberta
 - June 2015

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- Consumer Contracts Pro Bono Students Canada Association Educational Seminar at the University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
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- Workshop: Writing Style & Plain Language Adjudication in Alberta, Calgary, Alberta
- May 2015
- https://mcmillan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/188439_2nd-Adjudication-in-Alberta-May-5-6-2015.pdf

- Anatomy of a Construction Lawsuit 13th Construction Financing, Calgary, Alberta
- April 2015
- https://mcmillan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/188437_13th-Construction-Financing-Apr-14-15-2015.pdf

- Managing Risk by Coordinating Pattern Litigation in the U.S. and Canada DRI Product Liability Conference
- February 2015

- Dealing with Builders' Liens Presenter, 12th Annual Construction Financing Conference, Calgary, Alberta
- April 2014

- Dealing with Builders' Liens 11th Annual Construction Financing Conference, Calgary, Alberta
- April 2013

- Dealing with Builders' Liens Presenter, 9th Annual Construction Financing Conference, Calgary, Alberta
- April 2012

- Regulatory Round-Up: Key Issues Impacting New Midstream Developments Speaker, Canada & US Western Midstream Summit , Calgary, AB
- March 2012

- Risk Management for New Franchise Vehicle Dealers McMillan Breakfast Seminar, Calgary, AB
- June 23, 2011

Representative Matters:

- Representative experience includes:
- 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

Industries: Construction & Infrastructure, Energy, Manufacturing

Practices: Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Product Liability & Regulation