

MELANIE J. HARMER

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Melanie Harmer is a gifted litigator and dispute resolution lawyer, who provides expert representation in complex commercial litigation, judicial reviews and appellate proceedings. In addition to representing clients before the courts, she assists them in negotiating solutions outside the courtroom. Melanie has extensive expertise in administrative and public law, and Aboriginal law.

Known for drafting persuasive arguments in high-profile and complicated disputes, Melanie has gained experience in diverse matters, including representing an office of the legislature on a novel issue of solicitor-client privilege. She also represented a resource company in obtaining an injunction to remove a blockade of its operations, seeking leave to commence a derivative action in a commercial dispute.

Recently, Melanie obtained court approval of plans of arrangement, represented shareholders in dissent proceedings, provided advice to international clients on jurisdictional issues, and appeared before an international arbitration tribunal.

Active in the legal community, Melanie serves as a mentor for the Canadian Bar Association's Student Mentorship Program at the University of British Columbia.

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Expertise: Administrative & Public Law, Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Location: Vancouver

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Position/Title: Partner, Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Community Involvement:

- Mentor, CBA-UBC Student Mentorship Program
- Former Executive Officer, CBA BC Civil Litigation (Vancouver) Subsection
- Former Volunteer with Pacific Assistance Dog Society

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Canadian Bar Association (British Columbia Branch)
- Vancouver Bar Association

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the British Columbia bar

Year: 2009

Degree: LLB

University: University of British Columbia

Year: 2007

Degree: Exchange Student

University: University of Auckland

Year: 2007

Degree: BA, Political Science and Family Studies

University: University of British Columbia

Year: 2004

Rankings & Recognition:

- Recipient of the Lawson Lundell Prize in Corporations I
- Recipient of the Walter H. Gage and Elsie M. Harvey Education Abroad Scholarship
- First Place Factum, Wilson Moot Competition
- Recipient of the David Roberts Prize in Legal Writing
- Recipient of the Edwards, Kenny & Bray Founders Scholarship

Representative Matters: The following is a selection of recent cases where Melanie has appeared as counsel:

Commercial Litigation

- AMS Homecare Inc. v. TSX Venture Exchange Inc., 2014 BCCA 204
- Watson Island Development Corporation v. City of Prince Rupert, 2014 BCSC 2160 and 2015 BCSC 614

- McKersie v. Macala, 2014 BCCA 394
- 0861695 B.C. Ltd. v. Meola, 2013 BCSC 121
- Certain Shareholders of Crew Gold Corporation v. Crew Gold Corporation, 2012 YKCA 9

Administrative Law

- Jaguar Financial Corporation, Galway Metals Inc. and TSX Venture Exchange Inc., 2014 BCSECCOM 440
- British Columbia (Public Safety and Solicitor General) v. Stelmack, 2011 BCSC 1244
- Emergency Health Services Commission v. Cassidy, 2011 BCSC 1003

Employment and Privacy Law

- BC Pavilion Corporation, 2014 BCIPC 17 and 2015 BCIPC 10
- Whiting v. Boys and Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria, 2011 BCSC 681
- Sifton v. Wheaton Pontiac Buick GMC (Nanaimo) Ltd., 2010 BCCA 541

Public and Government Law

- British Columbia (Auditor General) v. British Columbia (Attorney General), 2013 BCSC 98
- British Columbia (Auditor General) v. Butler, 2011 BCSC 1064

Aboriginal Law

- Taseko Mines Limited v. Phillips, 2011 BCSC 1675

Practices: Administrative & Public Law, Litigation & Dispute Resolution