

Patrick J. Heinsen, K.C.

Admitted to the Bars of Alberta (2001) and Manitoba (2023). University of Alberta Law School (2000).

I. Employment History

2007- Current Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (Calgary) – Partner

My primary focus is defending professionals in a wide range of areas, including architects, engineers, lawyers (through ALIA), insurance brokers and Alberta Health Services leadership. In addition, I maintain an active practice acting on behalf of major product manufacturers ranging from automobiles to medical devices.

I have been the manager of Specialized Disputes in BLG’s Calgary office between 2017-2024. In this role, I had primary local responsibility for the management and success of the Labour & Employment, Insurance and Health practices in Western Canada. I worked with an excellent local team at BLG including Regional Managing Partner, Alan Ross, K.C., the other managers and Legal Support Staff. On a national level, I work in conjunction with other National Group Heads and the National Business Leaders of the Labour & Employment, Insurance and Tort and Health Law practices. I work collaboratively with these teams to ensure the practice, financial and diversity success of BLG and development and promotion of an environment that encourages and supports the hundreds of Partners, Associates, Students and Legal Support Staff within and outside the firm.

2004-2007 Scott Hall LLP (Calgary) – Associate

1998-2004 Duncan & Craig LLP (Edmonton) – Summer and Articled Student as well as Associate

II. Third Party Recognition

2018-2026 Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate and Commercial Litigation and Product Liability Law), since 2021 (Insurance Law), since 2022 (Construction Law) and since 2024 (Personal Injury Litigation)

2026 Recommended as a key lawyer in *Legal 500* (Insurance & Insurance: Dispute Resolution)

2020-2026 Recognized in *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* Litigation: Corporate Commercial and Litigation: Commercial Insurance

2022-2025 Recognized in *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*

2021-2026 Recognized in *Benchmark Canada* as a “Litigation Star”.

2021 Awarded “Lawyer of the Year (Product Liability Law)” in *The Best Lawyers in Canada*®

2015-2023 Peer Review rated in *Martindale-Hubbell*® as “AV Preeminent”.

2022 Appointed Queen’s Counsel.

III. Recent Professional Investment

2026 Law Society of Alberta Reinstatement Committee member.

2025 – present Law Society of Alberta Practice Review Committee member.

2024 – present Board Member of Calgary Legal Guidance.

2019 – August 2023 Board Member of Canadian Bar Society – Alberta Branch

Working under the leadership of The Honourable Justice Ola Malik and Bianca Kratt, K.C., my responsibilities included development of Board scope and mandates, working with the CBA Executive and as a liaison with various CBA Committees. I have served as the Board liaison to the CBA Alberta Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee and was Co-Chair of the CBA Voice of the Profession Committee. I have worked on the development of specialized programming for senior practitioners with the CBA Senior Counsel Task Force and, with The Honourable Justice Indra Maharaj, helped develop and administer the CBA's "Career Grant" program. I have also served as the CBA Board representative on the Court of King's Bench "Civil Bar and King's Bench Administration Meetings".

2021 Member of Law Society of Alberta Competency Profile Development Task Force

I have worked with the Law Society of Alberta to develop CPD competencies for the members of the Alberta Bar. These competencies are all-encompassing, ranging from practice management to improving practitioner knowledge.

2017-2025 University of Calgary – Faculty of Law

I have assisted The Honourable Justice Lisa Silver with instruction of her trial advocacy course since 2017. This excellent course draws on the skills of a number of senior Calgary litigation counsel and members of the Bench (both in civil and criminal practices), who instruct on very practical trial and general advocacy matters.

IV. Recent Community Investment

2021-2023 BLG Assist Afghanistan Pro Bono Project

I am the Co-Chair of BLG's Regional Pro Bono Committee. With the Taliban capture of Afghanistan, BLG commenced a national pro bono project to assist at risk Afghans to apply for the Government of Canada's Special Immigration Program. Since August 2021, I have headed a team based in the Calgary office consisting of several Articled Students and Associates to assist those seeking to escape. Our team has interviewed several Afghans who were in hiding and prepared their applications, which we submitted to the Government of Canada, and, where applicable, to counsel in the U.S.A. Over several very hectic months, our team successfully processed Special Immigration Program claims for over 30 Afghans and have been assisting with their move to Canada. The BLG Project was named the winner of the Pro Bono Initiative of the Year at the 2022 Canadian Law Awards and I presented on the topic at the 2022 Pro Bono Law Alberta Awards.

2014-2020 Board Member of Canadian Cancer Society – Alberta/NWT Branch

In 2012 my wife was diagnosed with advanced stomach and esophageal cancer. Following her active treatment, put my name forward for a position with the Board of the Canadian Cancer Society – Alberta/NWT Branch. My experience with the CCS was incredibly rewarding. Over the first year of my membership, our Board drove the implementation of an entirely new governance system for CCS on a national level. We also worked on mergers and amalgamations with other national cancer fundraising and support organizations. My ongoing involvement saw several opportunities to be involved with CCS events. These included organizing and working with volunteers at "flagship" CCS events such as the "Relay For Life", held annually throughout the Province.