

# ESRA YACOUT

ASSOCIATE

## BIOGRAPHY

Esra Yacout is an Associate and a member of our Insurance Practice Group.

Esra has a litigation-based practice focused on insurance defence and employment law.

Esra regularly represents and advises insurers and insureds on a broad range of matters, including bodily injury claims, professional negligence claims, insurance coverage disputes, and property damage claims.

In her employment practice, Esra advises and represents employers across various industries in workplace disputes, including wrongful dismissal claims and human rights complaints.

Esra works closely with her clients to understand their objectives, assess risk, and develop a strategy tailored to each dispute. She draws on her experience in alternative dispute resolution, including negotiation and mediation, to pursue practical and cost-effective outcomes, while remaining prepared to advance her clients' interests through court proceedings when required.

Esra is fluent in English, French and Arabic.

### ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Outside the office, Esra enjoys exploring new restaurants, unwinding with the latest TV series, and making the most of sunny days by playing pickleball or golf.


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### EDUCATION

- 2018 J.D., Thompson Rivers University
- 2013 B.A., The University of British Columbia

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2019 Admitted to the British Columbia Bar

### PRACTICE AREAS

#### INSURANCE

- Class Actions
- Coverage Disputes
- Occupiers' Liability
- Personal Injury
- Professional Liability

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

### REPRESENTATIVE CLIENT WORK

**Insurance**

Esra acts for insurers and their insureds on a broad range of insurance matters and has experience handling complex, multi-party litigation. Her recent experience includes:

- Defending insurers and their insureds under commercial general liability policies in claims involving bodily injury and property damage
- Defending professionals, including insurance brokers and bookkeepers, against professional negligence claims
- Defending retailers, commercial hosts, and homeowners against claims under the Occupiers Liability Act
- Representing insureds in disputes concerning entitlement to coverage under insurance policies

**Employment**

Esra's adept guidance and compassionate approach make her a valuable asset for clients navigating the complexities of employment law. Her experience includes assisting clients with advancing claims for wrongful dismissal and human rights complaints.

### NOTABLE CASES

Esra has been counsel of record on many reported cases including:

*Heo v Kennedy, 2020 BCSC 464*

- Counsel in a 14-day trial, representing a plaintiff who was injured as a result of a motor vehicle accident; and

*Lensu v Victorio, 2019 BCSC 59*

- Counsel in a 6-day trial, representing a plaintiff in an action for damages in personal injury arising from a motor vehicle collision. The plaintiff successfully opposed the admissibility of evidence tendered by the defendant.

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Access Pro Bono – Volunteer Lawyer

- CBA Women Lawyers Forum – Volunteer Member
- CBABC Employment Law Section Executive 2026-2027 – Member at Large