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## BIOGRAPHY

James Dowler, QC is a member of the firm's Insurance, Business Disputes, Motor Vehicle and Local Government Practices. His practice is primarily litigation based and focuses on property and casualty insurance. He has handled construction, government, municipal and school liability claims, as well as litigation involving points of administrative law and commercial litigation.

Mr. Dowler represents the Municipal Insurance Association defending cities, towns and municipal bodies on all aspects of municipal liability. For over 25 years, he has been actively representing school boards, hospitals, and colleges on behalf of private insurers as well as the Schools Protection Program, the Hospital Protection Program and the Master Insurance Program. He has been retained to advise and defend these institutions on occupational, educational and recreational liability issues. As well he regularly advises clients on the scope, adequacy and applicability of insurance coverage.

## RECOGNITION

- 2011 – 2022 Best Lawyers® in Canada Insurance Law
- 1995 – 2019 Martindale-Hubbell® Motor Vehicle, Local Government, Insurance, Environmental and Commercial Litigation Distinguished® with high ethical standing
- 2020 Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory repeatedly recommended in the area of Litigation - Commercial Insurance

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## EDUCATION

- 1975 LL.B. [University of Manitoba](#)

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2000 Admitted to the Yukon Bar
- 1981 Admitted to the British Columbia Bar
- 1976 Admitted to the Manitoba Bar

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## PRACTICE AREAS

### BUSINESS

- Business Disputes
- Environmental

### INSURANCE

- Environmental
  - Local Government
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- 2013 Appointed Queen's Counsel

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

James has experience in cases involving claims against municipalities for flooding, nuisance, negligent building inspection and negligently passing by-laws, as well as tort litigation.

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- [Law Society of British Columbia](#), Member
- [Canadian Bar Association](#), Member
- [Vancouver Bar Association](#), Member
- [Trial Lawyers Association of BC](#), Member
- [B.C. Civil Liberties Association](#), Member
- [Canadian Defence Lawyers](#), Member
- [Kelty Patrick Dennehy Foundation](#), former Director



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