JOSEPH P. CAHAN*

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BIOGRAPHY

Joseph Cahan is a member of the firm's Personal Injury, Occupiers Liability and Life + Disability practices.

He specializes in matters involving personal injury, disability and life insurance, travel insurance, occupiers' liability, property damage, fire and arson claims, insurance fraud, coverage issues and subrogated claims.

Joseph primarily defends claims on behalf of insurers with an emphasis on the defence of personal injury and disability insurance claims. He recognizes that a focus of insurance litigation is risk management. To that end, Joseph has extensive experience in resolving claims by way of mediation.

Joseph has extensive trial, appellate, and arbitration experience and success, as evidenced by his more than 30 years of representative work. In addition, he has successfully presented cases in front of numerous juries throughout his career.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

When Joe is not at the office you can find him skiing, cycling and spending time with his children.

RECOGNITION

- 2023- 2026 Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory repeatedly

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EDUCATION

- 1994 LL.B. University of British Columbia
- 1991 B.A. Simon Fraser University

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 1995 Admitted to the British Columbia Bar

PRACTICE AREAS

INSURANCE

- Life + Disability
- Occupiers' Liability
- Personal Injury
- Coverage Disputes
- Appeals Practice

recommended in the area of Personal Injury (Represents Defendants)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Joseph has defended injury claims involving allegations of soft tissue injury, fractures, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, psychiatric complaints and traumatic brain injuries.

Joseph has extensive trial and appellate experience, appearing before all levels of court including the British Columbia Supreme Court, British Columbia Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada.

Some recent cases include:

- *Yeh v. Amani*, 2026 BCSC 1433
- *Marklinger v. British Columbia*, 2026 BCSC 710
- *Gill v. Siekham*, 2025 BCCA 356
- *G.D v. ICBC*, 2025 (Arbitration)
- *Tyler Chamberlin v. Insurance Corporation of British Columbia*, et al., 2025 CanLII 41626 (SCC)
- *EM v. ICBC,* 2025 (Arbitration)
- *Gill v. Siekham*, 2024 BCSC 155
- *Tang v. Biring*, 2023 BCSC 2230
- *Jiang v. Oei, Desjardins Financial Securities Investments Inc. et al*, 2023 BCSC 921
- *Valdez v. Neron.*, 2023 CanLII 24529 (SCC)
- *Finley v. Choi*, 2023 BCSC 75
- *JSS v. ICBC,* 2022 (Arbitration)
- *Leach v. ICBC* , 2022 BCSC 557
- *Leach v. ICBC*, 2022 BCSC 2243
- *Valdez v. Neron*, 2022 BCCA 301
- *Lynch v. McPhee*, 2021 BCSC 433
- *Chamberlin v. ICBC*, 2021 BCCA 288
- *Chamberlin v. ICBC*, 2021 BCCA 397

- *Sharp v. Song*, 2021 BCSC 1422
- *Dewar v. Finnigan*, 2020 BCSC 1721
- *Jiang v. Oei, Desjardins Financial Securities Investments Inc. et al*, 2019 BCSC 1853. Successfully defended our client in a highly complex case dealing with securities fraud allegations.
- *Domijan v. Jeon*, 2018 BCSC 1988
- *Harry v. Powar*, 2018 BCSC 845
- *Godwin v. Desjardins Financial Security Investments Inc.*, 2018 BCSC 99
- *Sandhu v. Raveendran*, 2017 BCSC 499
- *Cirillo v. Mai*, 2016 BCSC 1524
- *Sandhu v. Vuong*, 2016 BCSC 1490
- *Barber v. Jack*, 2014 BCSC 2142
- *Maras v. Seemore Entertainment Ltd.*, 2014 BCSC 1109
- *Maras v. Seemore Entertainment Ltd.*, 2014 BCSC 1050
- *Maras v. Seemore Entertainment Ltd.*, 2014 BCSC 1842
- *Maras v. Seemore Entertainment Ltd.*, 2014 BCSC 1121
- *Maras v. Seemore Entertainment Ltd.*, 2014 BCSC 1120
- *Payne v. Miles*, 2013 BCSC 1545
- *Stanikzai v. Bola*, 2012 BCSC 846
- *Tompkins v. Bruce*, 2012 BCSC 266
- *Hosking v. Mahoney*, 2009 BCSC 803
- *Andreychuk v. RBC Life Insurance Company*, 2008 BCSC 286
- *ICBC v. Holland*, 2007 BCSC 628
- *Hunter v. Aetna Life Insurance Company of Canada*, 2007 BCSC 1902
- *Abdollahi v. ICBC*, 2006 BCPC 352
- *Al-Hendawi v. Sidhu*, 2006 BCSC 522
- *Yazdi et al v. ICBC*, 2005 BCSC 903
- *McNaught v. Alblas et al.*, 2006 BCSC 535
- *Nicholson v. Armstrong*, 2003 BCSC 1988
- *Homolka v. Harris*, 2002 BCCA 262

- *Smith v. Poustie*, 2000 BCSC 1816
- *Reid v. Lehigh Portland Cement Ltd.*, 2000 BCSC 1878
- *Hertz Canada Ltd. v. Suburban Motors Ltd.*, 2000 BCSC 667
- *Sterrett v. MKA Leasing Inc.*, 1999 CanLII 6623 (BC SC)
- *Reid v. Mutual Life Assurance Co.*, 1999 CanLII 5625 (BC SC)
- *Wickam v. 270792 British Columbia Ltd.*, 1997 CanLII 2342 (BC CA)

PUBLICATIONS

- A guest speaker at the *Continuing Legal Education Society of BC*

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Law Society of British Columbia, Member
- Canadian Bar Association, Member
- Vancouver Bar Association, Member
- Canadian Defence Lawyers, Member
- The Medical Legal Society of British Columbia, Executive Director