



# BIOGRAPHY

Michael is a member of the Insurance Practice Group.

His practice focuses on insurance defense including catastrophic personal injury, occupiers' liability, professional negligence, cyber liability, commercial host liability, the Human Rights Code and construction law.

In addition to his insurance practice, he also has extensive experience in labour and employment matters. He has advised both employers and employees in matters relating to wrongful dismissal, human rights, workplace bullying and harassment, privacy, occupational health and safety and various other employment standards issues.

Michael is fluent is both English and French.

# **ON A PERSONAL NOTE**

Away from work, Michael leads an active lifestyle that includes hiking, canoeing, hockey, squash and snowboarding. A self-described "adventure traveller", Michael has backpacked through more than 30+ countries around the world, mostly seeking out interesting places to undertake multi-day treks.

## RECOGNITION

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## EDUCATION

- 2015 LL.M Osgoode Hall Law School
- 2013 J.D. University of Montréal
- 2011 Bachelor of Civil Law, University of Montréal
- 2008 B.A. Concordia University

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- 2014 Admitted to British Columbia Bar
- 2012 Admitted to Quebec Bar

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

#### BUSINESS

- Employment Law
- Information + Privacy

#### PERSONAL

• Employment



# **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Michael has argued cases in all levels of court in British Columbia and Quebec, including at the appellate level and before various administrative tribunals.

- *Taylor v. British Columbia (Information and Privacy Commissioner)*, 2017 BCSC 1420
- Young v. Vancouver International Children's Festival, 2017 BCHRT 130
- Miscisco v. Strata Council VR1620, 2014 BCHRT 225
- Toitures et Construction Robitaille Inc. v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, 2013 QCCA 679
- Aldo Group Inc. v. Chubb Insurance Company of Canada, 2013 QCCS 2006
- University of Montreal v. Desnoyers Mercure & Associés, 2013 QCCS 481

# PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 2020, "British Columbia Digest of Insurance Laws", *A.M. Best*, Editor
- 2016, "Joint-Venture Drinking: Who is at Fault?", *The Publican Magazine* (Alliance of Beverage Licensees of British Columbia), Author

# **PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

- Law Society of British Columbia, Member
- Barreau du Québec, Member
- Access Pro Bono, Francophone Legal Information Clinic, Volunteer
- UBC Law Students' Legal Advice Program, Supervising Lawyer

- Human Rights
- Information + Privacy

#### INSURANCE

- Personal Injury
- Occupiers Liability
- Professional Liability
- Employment Practices
- Human Rights

### INDUSTRIES

- Hospitality
- Health Care
- Technology





