



MICHAEL J.  
**NADEAU\***  
MANAGING PARTNER

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## BIOGRAPHY

Michael Nadeau is the firm's Managing Partner. He is also a member of the firm's Insurance and Cannabis Practices, is a member of the firm's Executive Team and chairs the firm's [Client Service Program](#).

Michael practices in the area of civil litigation and represents clients in a wide variety of legal areas, including personal injury and occupiers' liability, sports and recreation, products liability, property damage and subrogated actions. Michael also has experience defending professional liability claims and, in particular, claims made against engineers and insurance brokers.

Michael regularly acts for self-insured corporations and major insurance companies. He acts as counsel for some of Canada's largest retailers and commercial property owners. Michael's insurance practice is predominately focused on defending personal injury and property damage litigation as well as claims under the *Occupiers Liability Act*. As part of this practice, Michael also has significant experience handling disputes involving indemnity agreements and related contractual issues.

Prior to joining Alexander Holburn, Michael worked as a judicial law clerk at the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE

In his spare time, Michael enjoys trying to keep his golf game in a reasonable state. He also enjoys barbecue grilling and travelling, with his most recent destination being the Caribbean.

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## EDUCATION

- 2007-2008 [Judicial Law Clerk, Supreme Court of British Columbia](#)
- 2007 LL.B. [University of Victoria](#)
- 2004 B.Sc. (Great Distinction) [McGill University](#)

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2009 Admitted to the British Columbia Bar

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## PRACTICE AREAS

### INSURANCE

- Construction + Engineering
- Directors + Officers
- Professional Liability
- Occupiers Liability
- Cannabis
- Personal Injury

## RECOGNITION

- 2025 Best Lawyers® in Canada Insurance Law

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Regularly appears before the Supreme Court of British Columbia and Provincial Court of British Columbia
- Extensive experience in resolving litigation through negotiation and mediation
- Regularly defends and advises retailers, property and business owners, and maintenance contractors with respect to personal injury and property damage claims
- Defends and advises professionals, including insurance brokers, engineers, and mortgage brokers with respect to professional liability matters
- Defends and advises manufacturers, retailers, and distributors involved in products liability claims
- Prosecutes subrogation recovery matters for insurers
- Successfully defended insurance brokerage relating to coverage issues and allegations of errors and omissions involving a licensed grower of medicinal marijuana: *Schellenberg v. Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company*, 2019 BCSC 196

## PUBLICATIONS

Michael frequently authors and presents seminars for clients as well as for lawyers and students as part of the Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP ASCEND™ Series. Past articles and presentations include the following topics:

- *Occupiers Liability Act*
- *Health Care Costs Recovery Act*
- *Limitation Act*
- Pure Economic Loss
- Doctrine of Reasonable Expectations
- Rent Distress

- Coverage Disputes
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## INDUSTRIES

- Construction
  - Property Management
  - Retail + Wholesale
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## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- [Law Society of British Columbia](#), Member
- [Canadian Bar Association](#), Member
- [Vancouver Bar Association](#), Member
- [Canadian Defence Lawyers](#), Member



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