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## BIOGRAPHY

Rob is a partner and member of the Insurance, Administrative Law, and Business Disputes Practice groups. He has been a litigator for over 25 years. His practice is primarily insurance-based liability defence in the areas of professional liability and discipline, occupiers' liability and product liability.

Rob has extensive experience appearing before the British Columbia Supreme Court and Court of Appeal, and Federal Court and Court of Appeal. He is an impassioned and skillful advocate but takes just as much pride in his ability to resolve matters effectively and efficiently through thoughtful analysis and strategy, from the outset of every case. To enhance these skills Rob has completed mediation courses, including the intensive Mediating the Litigated Case course through the acclaimed Strauss Institute of Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University.

Rob sits on multiple committees at Alexander Holburn and is the chair of the Insurance Practice Group.

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE

In his spare time, Rob is an avid road cyclist.

## RECOGNITION

- 2016 – 2021 Best Lawyers® in Canada Insurance Law

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## EDUCATION

- 1992 LL.B. [University of British Columbia](#)
- 1988 B.A. [Queens University](#)

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2008 Admitted to the Yukon Bar
- 1993 Admitted to the British Columbia Bar

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## PRACTICE AREAS

### BUSINESS

- Administrative Law
- Business Disputes

### PERSONAL

- Administrative Law

- 2020 Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory repeatedly recommended in the area of Litigation - Commercial Insurance

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

### Occupiers' Liability

Rob has handled occupiers' liability claims for his entire career. He regularly acts directly on, and supervises all levels of occupiers' liability claims ranging from slip and falls on residential premises, to catastrophic injury on commercial properties.

As a result, Rob has developed extensive knowledge and expertise relating to liability issues associated with an occupiers' duty of care, including necessary maintenance and supervision systems. In addition, given his years of experience and ongoing practice, Rob has also developed very considerable knowledge regarding the medical conditions and injuries that are the subject of the claims, ranging from minor soft tissue injuries to severe and disabling injuries such as paralysis, brain injury and psychiatric disorders.

### Product Liability

For more than twenty years, Rob has handled a wide variety of products liability cases for retailers, distributors and manufacturers, both as insureds and directly for the corporate entities.

Rob has extensive expertise with the legal and practical issues associated with product manufacturing, sale, use and failure. He also has detailed knowledge regarding the effects of product failure, including personal injury, property damage and economic loss.

### Professional Liability

Rob regularly represents and defends professionals in negligence claims. He acts for professionals in a variety of fields although the majority of his practice involves defending liability claims against pharmacists and real estate appraisers.

Rob also regularly represents and defends pharmacists, other pharmacy professionals and pharmacy operators in disciplinary and related proceedings with the College of Pharmacists of BC.

### Advocacy

Rob has appeared as counsel in the British Columbia Supreme Court and

## INSURANCE

- Professional Liability
  - Occupiers Liability
  - Health
  - Class Actions
  - Personal Injury
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## INDUSTRIES

- Life Sciences
  - Property Management
  - Real Estate
  - Retail + Wholesale
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Court of Appeal and in the Federal Court of Canada and Federal Court of Appeal.

He frequently conducts seminars for lawyers and students through Alexander Holburn's internal **ASCEND™** program, and for law students at the University of British Columbia on the litigation skills required for effective advocacy and case management/resolution.

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- [Law Society of British Columbia](#), Member
- [Canadian Bar Association](#), (Civil Litigation + Insurance subsection), Member
- [Vancouver Bar Association](#), Member
- [Canadian Defence Lawyers](#), Member



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