SUNJEET S. DEOL

PARTNER

BIOGRAPHY

Sunjeet Deol is a Partner and a member of the firm's Insurance, Construction + Engineering, Class Actions, and Product Liability Practices. His practice focuses on complex insurance coverage, high-value civil litigation, technically demanding claims, and strategic resolution of matters involving insurers, insured businesses, and institutional clients.

Sunjeet is trusted by insurers, insured businesses, and institutional clients to advise on and manage complex, high-value claims involving technical and strategically sensitive issues. He is known for pragmatic advice, careful exposure assessment, and a clear understanding of business, claims, and desired commercial outcomes. Clients value his ability to engage with technical detail and expert evidence while keeping the broader resolution strategy firmly in view.

Sunjeet has been recognized by Best Lawyers® in Canada for Insurance Law.

A significant part of Sunjeet's practice involves coverage advice, strategy, and defence of coverage litigation for primary and excess insurers. His coverage work includes CGL, D&O, property, high-net-worth homeowner, excess, professional liability, and specialty policies, often in matters involving layered insurance programs, disputed indemnity exposure, suspected fraud, and significant underlying claims. He also advises insurers on coverage issues arising from class action litigation involving mining, pulp and paper, automobile manufacturers, and other industrial or manufacturing clients.

Sunjeet's litigation practice focuses on technically complex claims, including product liability, construction defect and property damage claims,

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EDUCATION

- 2010 LL.B., University of Alberta

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2012 Admitted to the British Columbia Bar

PRACTICE AREAS

BUSINESS

- Construction + Engineering

INSURANCE

- Construction + Engineering
- Professional Liability
- Occupiers' Liability
- Personal Injury
- Coverage Disputes
- Directors + Officers
- Class Actions

professional liability, catastrophic injury claims, class actions, and sensitive institutional liability matters. His work often involves product failures, construction and engineering issues, building envelope and water ingress claims, fire and industrial losses, and professional negligence claims against engineers, architects, design professionals, and insurance brokers. He also acts for national sporting organizations and their insurers in sensitive alleged historical abuse claims involving direct negligence, vicarious liability, and broader institutional risk.

Sunjeet is regularly involved in the mediation process for the resolution of complex claims, including assessing risk, settlement positioning, issue narrowing, and coordination between defence and coverage considerations. He helps clients assess when resolution is commercially sensible, and when a principled defence position should be maintained. His advice is designed to assist clients with exposure assessment, reserve-setting, coverage positions, settlement strategy, and broader claims-handling decisions.

Sunjeet also acts for insurers in complex subrogated recovery matters arising from fires, product failures, industrial accidents, construction defects, strata and multi-unit losses, and multi-party recovery actions. These matters often involve technical expert evidence, causation disputes, recovery strategy, and coordination among multiple parties and insurers.

Before entering legal practice, Sunjeet gained experience in the insurance industry. That experience gives him practical insight into how insurers, brokers, insureds, and risk managers assess claims, coverage, reserves, and commercial outcomes.

As a partner at the firm, Sunjeet works closely with clients and litigation teams to ensure that matters are handled at the right level, with senior strategic oversight, efficient staffing, and a practical focus on the client's desired outcome. He also mentors lawyers within the firm, with an emphasis on practical judgment, technical preparation, efficiency, and client-focused strategy.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Outside the office, Sunjeet enjoys golf, travel, architecture and design

RECOGNITION

- 2022 - 2027 Best Lawyers® in Canada Insurance Law

INDUSTRIES

- Hospitality
- Retail + Wholesale
- Construction
- Property Management

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Sunjeet has appeared as counsel before all levels of Court in British Columbia. He frequently acts as counsel on casualty claims, prosecutes subrogated recovery matters, defends property damage claims and professional liability claims. Sunjeet also has experience in the resolution of litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, such as mediation.

Some of Sunjeet's representative experience includes:

- Advised multiple layers of excess insurers in relation to a mining tailings facility breach involving significant remediation, environmental, coverage, and allocation issues.
- Defended a mountain bike suspension manufacturer in a catastrophic injury product liability claim involving complex technical and failure analysis issues.
- Achieved successful subrogated recovery arising from a complex industrial accident involving specialized machinery.
- Acted for and advised a manufacturer of gondola systems in relation to complex product failure claims involving technical causation and liability issues.
- Acted for an insurer in a high-value homeowner claim involving alleged losses in the tens of millions and complex issues relating to luxury collections, construction-related losses, and secondary damage claims.
- Acted for a pyrotechnics company in a venue damage claim involving alleged losses approaching $50 million.
- Advised insurers on claims exceeding $100 million involving alleged long-term environmental pollution by a pulp and paper manufacturer and related community impacts.
- Regularly advises and acts for national sporting organizations and their insurers in alleged historical abuse claims involving vicarious liability, limitation issues, coverage considerations, institutional risk, and sensitive resolution strategy.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2013, "Overview of Liability Risks/Insurance Issues that Routinely Arise in Strata Corporations", *BUILDEX Vancouver*, Speaker

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Law Society of British Columbia, Member
- Canadian Bar Association, Member
- Vancouver Bar Association, Member
- Canadian Defence Lawyers, Member