

# **INSURANCE LITIGATION SEMINARS 2024**

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Providing you with world-class legal services is only part of our job. Teaching you about the law is the other.

Our complimentary Insurance Litigation Seminars will provide you with the knowledge and strategies you need to provide claims services with less legal assistance, thereby reducing your costs while maintaining the level of services your clients expect.

This year we are offering 24 Seminars on a variety of topics ranging from indemnification to assault and battery, each of which has been thoroughly researched and vetted by our Insurance Litigation Lawyers and Partners. Each Seminar will be customized to suit your needs and can be accredited with the Alberta Insurance Counsel upon request.

If there is a topic you are interested in that our Seminars do not cover, let us know and we will prepare one that does.

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## SEMINARS

#### B THE ADDITIONAL INSURED

In some situations, there is a grant of coverage in favour of an entity other than the named insured. Learn about coverage based on the policy and other legal instruments in Canadian common law.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### B ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Insureds working in law enforcement are regularly the target of assault and battery claims. Learn how to effectively defend such claims using the common law and *Criminal Code of Canada*.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### B AVOIDING BAD FAITH CLAIMS

It is not always easy to know what the "right" thing to do is during the claims process. Learn how to avoid bad faith claims and the high costs associated with them.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### BANKRUPTCY & SUBROGATION

Every adjuster will at some point encounter a bankrupt insured. Learn how bankruptcy impacts an insurer's rights and obligations.

LENGTH: 50 Minutes

#### BUILDER'S RISK AND WRAP-UP POLICIES

There is only one season in Alberta... construction season. Learn the fundamentals of Builder's Risk and Wrap-Up Policies.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### COMMERCIAL INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSES

Indemnity clauses are one of the most litigated and least understood clauses in a commercial contract. Learn how to identify, interpret and apply the rights and obligations such clauses impose on your insureds. LENGTH: 60 Minutes

#### **B** COMMERCIAL HOST

Commercial Hosts are always at risk for liability claims. Learn about the duties that are owed, the risks commercial hosts face, and the best tips to avoid claim, but also handle them when they arise LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### **B** CONDOMINIUM LAW

The Condominium Property Regulation was amended on January 1, 2020. Learn about the most notable amendments and how they will impact your insureds! LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### B WAIVERS

Be careful before you sign. Learn what a liability waiver is, what makes its terms enforceable and the case law surrounding waivers for adults and minors.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### **B** CYBER SECURITY

If the United States of America's presidential election can be hacked, so can your insured! Learn what obligations the *Personal Information Protection Act* and *Digital Privacy Act* impose and what common law remedies are available in the event of a data breach.

LENGTH: 60 Minutes

#### **B** THE DROP DEAD RULE

The Alberta Rules of Court state that an action must be dismissed if no steps have been taken to significantly advance the action in three or more years. Learn what qualifies as a step and a significant advancement so that you can turn your mind to closing lingering claims. LENGTH: 30 Minutes

#### FATAL ACCIDENTS CLAIMS AND MINOR PLAINTIFFS

Learn about minor injury regulations, case law, and who can make claims as a result of fatalities. LENGTH: 45 Minutes

### SEMINARS CONT'D

#### LIMITATION PERIODS (BC, AB AND SK)

Identifying the correct limitation period can be difficult, especially when adjusting an extra-provincial claim. Learn the nuances of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan's respective limitation periods. LENGTH: 45 - 60 Minutes

#### LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY

Loss of Earning capacity is always the most hotly debated head of damage. Learn about the varying case law and the legal principles around loss of earning capacity claims.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### **B** JUVENILE PLAINTIFFS

The litigation process is especially complicated when a minor is involved. Learn how limitation periods, questioning, settlement negotiations and more are impacted when the plaintiff is a minor.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### B MOUNTAIN BIKE PARKS

Mountain biking is a sport that involves riding bicycles off-road, often over rough terrain. Injuries abound. Learn how to effectively defend a claim related to a mountain bike park injury.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### **B** NEGLIGENCE

Essentially every lawsuit involves an allegation of negligence. As such, adjusters must have a working understanding of the tort. Learn the elements of negligence and how to apply them.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### B OCCUPIERS' LIABILITY: SLIP AND FALLS

Occupiers are required to keep visitors reasonably safe from being injured by a foreseeable hazard. Learn how to identify foreseeable hazards and assess the reasonableness of your occupiers' efforts to keep visitors safe.

#### **B** PERSONAL INJURY UPDATE

Are our courts becoming more or less plaintiff friendly? What effect has the amended *Minor Injury Regulation* had? Learn about notable cases and trends from 2021.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### B SOCIAL HOST

This seminar seeks to provide an understanding of notable principles relating to social host duties of care, future litigation issues, and best practices for social hosts.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### **B** SUMMARY JUDGMENT

On September 25, 2020, the Alberta Court of Appeal released a decision outlining a new test for summary judgment/dismissal. Learn how the test has changed and what to look for when considering such applications.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### TOP CASES IN INSURANCE LITIGATION

Times they are a changin'. Learn about notable cases from 2021.

LENGTH: 45 Minutes

#### B WAIVER OF SUBROGATION

Insurance policies typically entitle the insurer to assume all of the insured's rights of recovery and bring an action in the insured's name to enforce those rights. Learn how the courts approach the right of subrogation and how it can be inadvertently waived. LENGTH: 45 Minutes

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# WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

F Brownlee's insurance litigation team has provided insightful Seminars to our staff. They are always well prepared and on point. The staff leaves with useful and applicable knowledge. These Seminars are time well spent.
A Michael Ilnycky, Assistant Vice President of Claims with CNA Canada

**f** Brownlee's Seminars are thoroughly researched and passionately delivered. They frequently challenge us to consider issues in a new way, which can make the difference between settling or going to trial. I look forward to attending the next Seminar.

~ Angela Braun, Senior Manager - Western Casualty Claims at Aviva

**ff** Brownlee has presented numerous noon-hour Seminars to our local adjusters for several years. Their topics are timely and on point. The presenters are always willing to engage in discussion and address our queries. We trust Brownlee will continue this service.

~ Raymond Short, Vice President / Loss Adjuster at McLarens

ff The Brownlee team consistently delivers timely information and thoughtful analysis on pertinent legal topics. These Seminars have enabled our internal teams to be better equipped to handle various insurance issues.
A Stephen Parker, Regional Senior Counsel at SGI Canada



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