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PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Litigation • Employment & Labour

BIOGRAPHY

Christopher obtained a B.Com at McGill University (2003) and an LL.B. at the University of Ottawa (cum laude, 2008).

After articling at a litigation boutique specializing in labour and employment law, Christopher was called to the bar in Ontario in 2009. Following his call, Christopher practised insurance defense in Toronto at a litigation boutique where he acquired experience in litigating motor vehicle accidents, slip and falls, and arbitrations regarding first party benefits. Christopher then practiced as in-house counsel at Canada's largest insurance company for nearly 4 years. Christopher also has litigation experience in slip/trip and falls, property damage, fire loss and subrogation.

Christopher has appeared before the Ontario Court of Appeal, Ontario Divisional Court, Ontario Superior Court of Justice and Small Claims Court of Ontario. He has conducted arbitrations at the Financial Services Commission of Ontario and the License Appeal Tribunal. Additionally, Christopher has experience in conducting private arbitrations under the Ontario *Arbitrations Act*. Prior to moving to New Brunswick, he co-hosted a monthly trivia night and is fond of all types of obscure knowledge.

EXPERIENCE

- Sole Counsel in summary judgment motions: *Dainov v. Lee*, 2019 ONSC 5993; *Harlow v. Yusopov*, 2015 ONSC 3678.
- Successful striking of proposed amendments to Statement of Claim: *Logullo v. Stewart Title Guarantee Company et al.*, 2019 ONSC 1256.
- Successful defence of a claim for statutory accident benefits: *16-001547 v. TD Insurance Meloche Monnex*, 2017 CanLII 148387 (ON LAT).
- Private arbitration involving novel interpretation of "intersection", which was successfully defended on appeal: *TD General Insurance Company v. Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company* (Arbitrator Lee Samis, June 3, 2016) (upheld on appeal by Chiapetta J., November 2016, unreported).
- Successfully brought summary judgment motions in arbitrations on novel interpretations of Ontario law
- Successful in a summary judgment motion involving a case where the accident was recorded on a dashcam video.

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of New Brunswick
- Law Society of Ontario

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario (2009); New Brunswick (2020).

LAW SCHOOL

- University of Ottawa

EDUCATION

McGill University (B.Com, 2003); University of Ottawa (LL.B., 2008)

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-authored "Understanding Bad Faith in Both AB and Tort", Ontario Bar Association, *Insurance Law: What You Need to Know*, October 22, 2015.
- Christopher has also co-authored presentations and solely presented on various topics for Canadian Defence Lawyers and the Medico-Legal Society of Ontario.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

Member – Canadian Defence Lawyers

Member – The Advocates Society

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

Member – Insurance Practice Group

Member – Litigation Practice Group